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TIENTSIN-PUKOW RAILWAY LOANS IN DEFAULT

British Representations Officially Renewed

London, To-day.

In the House of Commons, yesterday, the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, replying to the conservative member for Preston, Mr. A. C. Mowbray, with reference to the default of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway loans, said that one or two payments appeared to have been made into a special reserve account for eventual liquidation of the loans, but they were insufficient to make the position in any way satisfactory.

Sir John Simon said that he was instructing the British Minister to China to renew representations.—*Reuter.*

FAILURE OF ROOSEVELT GOLD PLAN

Advantages Lost By Price Decline.

\$41,000,000 PURCHASES OF DOMESTIC GOLD

Washington, To-day.

The latest Government statistics show that the price of whole-sale commodities in the United States has risen only 17 per cent. since April while the price in the last fortnight has declined to 70.7, practically annulling all the advantages gained since the advent of the gold plan.

At the same time, the gold price has risen to 64 per cent. above the statutory price.

Mr. Jesse Jones Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, has announced that the domestic gold purchases, so far, total 420,000 ounces, costing U.S.\$14,000,000.—*Reuter.*

Business Optimism.

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
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New York, To-day.

Wall Street operators believe that a creeping bull market is under way, thus explaining the continued optimism.

There are also some signs of public participations.

Favourable factors include a belief that the farm income for 1933 is 20 per cent. higher than in 1932.—*United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.*

FOREIGN TRADE AGENCY.

Peek To Find Export Markets For U.S.

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt yesterday summoned a conference of the departmental chiefs, including Mr. Peek, the disgruntled Assistant Secretary for Agriculture, with the object of organising a foreign trade agency, which Mr. Peek is expected to be chief.

The agency will find reciprocal export markets for American goods.—*Reuter.*

Agency Formed.

Washington, Later.

President Roosevelt has announced the formation of a special foreign trade agency under Mr. Peek to correlate internal production with effective foreign purchasing power, developing by reciprocal tariffs, barters and other international arrangements.—*Reuter.*

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AVAILABLE FOR RELIEF

INCOME OF
\$3,350,000,000
ANTICIPATED

Roosevelt Prepares Budget Message.

FLOOD OF REMONETISATION
BILLS

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
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Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt is preparing his annual Budget message for Congress.

The Budget Director Mr. Lewis Douglas, tentatively forecasts the income at about U. S. \$3,350,000,000, for the 1935 fiscal year, against which approximately \$2,600,000,000 will be required for regular Governmental establishments leaving, tentatively, \$750,000,000, plus the Treasury cash balance of approximately \$1,000,000,000 available for emergency relief and Public Works, if required.—*United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.*

Silver Advocates Determined.

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
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Washington, To-day.

The Chairman of the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Key Pittman, yesterday stated that a flood of remonetisation Bills would be introduced into Congress unless the President definitely acts to aid silver.

Senator Pittman reiterated that he proposed to introduce a Bill providing coinage on a 16-1 basis of all newly-mined silver produced in the United States, after the Bill's enactment, which will produce about U.S.\$30,000,000 in silver coinage annually.

"This very mild inflation is based on a very sound metal," he declared.

Such inflation was so small that it would not be felt for several years, but the real value would lie in the fact that other producers would probably follow suit, and thereby, remonetization would occur on a world basis.—*United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.*

GOLD PRICE LEAKS OUT

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
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Washington, To-day.

Despite the extraordinary precautions against leaks, it is reported that yesterday's gold price reached London privately ahead of official press releases.—*United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.*

"Congress Will Be Noisy."

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received December 12, 10.30 a.m.)

New York, To-day.

The well-known United States economist and Babson yesterday stated that the United States situation is fundamentally reassuring.

He forecasts that Congress will probably be noisy but basically constructive.

The real headquarters of both business and finance will remain in Washington rather than in Wall Street, he declares.—*United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.*

SOVIET DENIES HSINKIANG AMBITIONS

Will Respect China's Sovereign Rights

Moscow, To-day.

The official Soviet news agency, Tass, has been authorised to categorically deny the report published in the Chinese newspaper, *Cheng Pao*, that the Soviet Government had concluded an agreement with the Hainan Government relative to conceding Chinese territories to the U.S.S.R. The policy of the Soviet consists of the maintenance of the inviolability of Chinese territories and respect to its Sovereign rights, the denial states.—*Reuter.*

DOLLAR - POUND STABILISATION

Perplexing Reports
In New York.

"LITTLE FEAR OF DRASTIC
INFLATION"

New York, To-day.

Perplexing statements are being made regarding the stabilisation of the dollar with the pound, the process of which was said to have begun.

The acting-Secretary of the United States Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, declares that the Administration is adhering to its policy, and if such a move was made he would know immediately.

On the contrary it is learnt that conversations were conducted by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York with the Bank of England and the Bank of France, therefore, the Washington denials that official overtures were made to London, are technically correct, as the Federal Reserve is a quasi-private institution.—*Reuter.*

"BUSINESS CONDITIONS WILL BE UNCHANGED."

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
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Cleveland, To-day.

Mr. Leonard Porter Ayres, the prominent United States statistician, has expressed an opinion that there is no reason to fear inflation during 1934 an account of it being difficult to induce excessive inflation into a country where most of the business is done by cheques representing private bank credit instead of with Government currency.

He predicted that business, early in 1934, will continue largely as at present.—*United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.*

BYRD LEAVES FOR ANTARTIC.

Explorer's New Expedition.

Wellington, New Zealand, To-day.

The famous explorer, Rear-Admiral Richard E. Byrd left here yesterday on his Antarctic expedition.—*Reuter.*

R.A.F. Disabled Aeroplane Skims Over Palace Roof

London, To-day.

Further details of the narrowly averted accident, when an aeroplane was compelled to make a forced landing in the centre of London, yesterday, are now available.

The plane, a Royal Air Force single-seater machine, was being flown across London from Northolt to Hawkinge, Kent, when engine trouble developed. The pilot descended through low clouds to find himself over the heart of the West End.

In searching for a place to land he skimmed over the roof of Buckingham Palace while the Changing of the Guard ceremony was proceeding and while His Majesty the King was watching from a window.

Avoiding trees, rails and other obstacles the pilot brought the machine safely to the ground in Hyde Park.—*British Wireless Service.*

FRANCE WILL REPLY TO HITLER

But What of Status Of
"Brown Shirts."

IMPORTANT PARIS
CONVERSATIONS

Berlin, To-day.

Chancellor Hitler yesterday received the French Ambassador to Berlin, M. Poncet.

A Paris message states that it is understood that M. Poncet asked Herr Hitler to explain his attitude towards the "Brown Shirts" as co-existent with the standard Army of 300,000 which Hitler is demanding.—*Reuter.*

Paris, To-day.

The British Ambassador to Paris, Lord Tyrrel is arriving here, from London, to-day.

The Foreign Minister of Czechoslovakia, Dr. Edward Benes, is arriving on Thursday.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Paul Boncour, will confer with both, and after conversations will reply to Chancellor Hitler's demands.—*Reuter.*

ITALY AND THE LEAGUE

Conditions Required
Not Disclosed.

London, To-day.

In the House of Commons yesterday the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, said that no official communication had been received from the Italian Government regarding the question of alteration in the constitution, powers, or procedure of the League of Nations, and he had no statement to make on the matter at the moment.

The matter, he said, was receiving the most careful attention.—*British Wireless Service.*

ADVANCING WORK OF DISARMAMENT

London, To-day.

At question time in the House of Commons yesterday the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, stated that, in accordance with the suggestion made by the Bureau of the (Continued on Page 7.)

ANGLO-ESTHONIAN TRADE TREATY.

Negotiations Opened In
London.

London, To-day.

The Parliamentary Secretary for Overseas Trade, Colonel D. J. Colville, yesterday received the Estonian delegation, who will negotiate a commercial agreement with the United Kingdom.

An exchange of views took place and the discussions will be continued.—*British Wireless Service.*



Mohammed Zahir Shah (in steel helmet and leaning on rifle), the 19 year-old King of Afghanistan, who was proclaimed on November 8, following the assassination of his father, Mohammed Nadir Shah Ghazi, at Kabul. The picture shows the new King as a private soldier during the opening of an infantry school.

SIX KILLED AS GERMAN AIR-LINER CRASHES

PILOT FLEW "BLIND" IN DENSE
FOG OVER HAMBURG

HONEYMOON COUPLE AND NAZI FARM
EXPERT AMONG VICTIMS.

HAMBURG, TO-DAY.

SIX PEOPLE, INCLUDING A LONDON HONEYMOON COUPLE, MR. AND MRS. FRANK BARBER, WERE KILLED IN AN AIR CRASH HERE, YESTERDAY. NONE OF THE VICTIMS ARE AMERICANS. A DENSE FOG EXISTED AND THE PILOT WAS FLYING "BLIND," RELYING ENTIRELY ON WIRELESS DIRECTIONS FROM AERODROME.

The plane could not be seen from the ground, but a sudden crash was heard followed by an explosion. Police immediately cleared the aerodrome of all except officials.

Officials of the Lufthansa aerodrome later state that Mr. Barber's nationality had not yet been established. The woman was Miss Amelia Armstrong, stated to be an American, born in Sweden.

One of the six people killed was the Prussian State Councillor, Herr Wagemann, the Nazi agricultural specialist, who drafted the new law of land inheritance. The plane was flying from Berlin.—*Reuter.*

M.C.C.'S FIRM CABLE REPLY TO AUSTRALIA

Definite News Of Tour
Demanded.

NO FURTHER ASSURANCE
TO BE GIVEN

London, To-day.

The Marylebone Cricket Club have considered the Australian Cricket Board of Control's last cable and have replied:

"With reference to your cable of November 16 you must please accept our cable of October 9, which speaks for itself, as final. We cannot go beyond the assurance given therein that we shall welcome the Australian cricketers who come to play cricket with us next year.

"If, however, your Board of Control decide that the games should be deferred, we shall respect their decision.

"Please let us know your Board's final decision as soon as possible, and in any event before the end of the year."—*Reuter.*

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REPRIEVE FOR MRS. HADLEY

Shanghai Petition
Succeeds.

Shanghai, To-day.

The North China Daily News understands that Sir Miles Lampson, British Minister to China, has reprieved Mrs. Hadley, sentenced to death for the murder of Captain Youngs.—*Reuter.*

REPORT CONFIRMED.

Shanghai, later.

The report that Mrs. Hadley had been granted a reprieve has been confirmed. The sentence of death has been commuted to imprisonment for life.—*Reuter.*

Mrs. Hadley, a Shanghai Russian woman who became a British subject by her marriage to an Englishman, was sentenced to death for the murder of Captain Youngs, with whom she had been living, by stabbing him in the throat during the (Continued on Page 12.)

The forthcoming marriage between Richard, Seymour Johnson, Shipping Assistant of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, and Angela Leonard, of 55 Langridge Road, London, is announced.

ICY XMAS FOR AMERICA AND EUROPE

25 Killed In U.S.
By Storms.

SNOW AND LIGHTNING

Severe Winter In Britain
And France

London, To-day.

An icy Christmas appears to be in store for America and Europe. New York reports that 25 persons were killed in the East and Middle West by lightning, heavy snow-storms and freezing temperatures. Two people collapsed and died from cold in New York while three died in Philadelphia.

A train crashed into a car at Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, during a snowstorm, killing four and injuring three.

Winter has got an early grip on Britain. The Thames is frozen at Kingston, an event which has not happened since 1895. Thousands were skating at midnight, the ice being flooded by the lights of dozens of cars.

So bitter is it in Paris that the kerbs market on the steps of the Bourse was suspended till braziers had been provided.—*Reuter.*

RICH SPANIARDS BARRICADED.

300 Threatened With
Burning.

TROOPS QUELL REBELS
AFTER STREET BATTLE.

Madrid, To-day.

Troops, using tanks, quelled a rebel attack on the City Hall at Saragossa yesterday, after a 4-hour street battle. Several people were killed.

The Civil Guards at Huesca are rushing to prevent a hold-out at Lanaja, where some 300 rebels have barricaded all the rich inhabitants in a church, and are threatening to burn them alive.—*Reuter.*

INCREASED USE OF INDIAN COTTON.

Lancashire Spinners
Circularised.

London, To-day.

The Lancashire cotton authorities are implementing the recent pledge to increase the use of Indian cotton. They have circularised all spinners.

An extensive list of mills in which Indian cotton is wholly or partially used has been despatched to the Export and Trade sections of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, with a covering letter, appealing:

"Indian cotton has many untried possibilities. Please encourage its use to the utmost."—*Reuter.*

U.S. COTTON POOL FORMED.

To Liquidate Govt.
Stocks.

2,400,000 BALES HELD.

Washington, To-day.

The United States Farm Administration has announced the formation of a Cotton Pool to liquidate the 2,400,000 bales of Government-held cotton covered by the options of producers.

With funds borrowed from the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Administration will advance to the (Continued on Page 12.)

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of as previously advertised.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 11th December, 1933.

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CLUB

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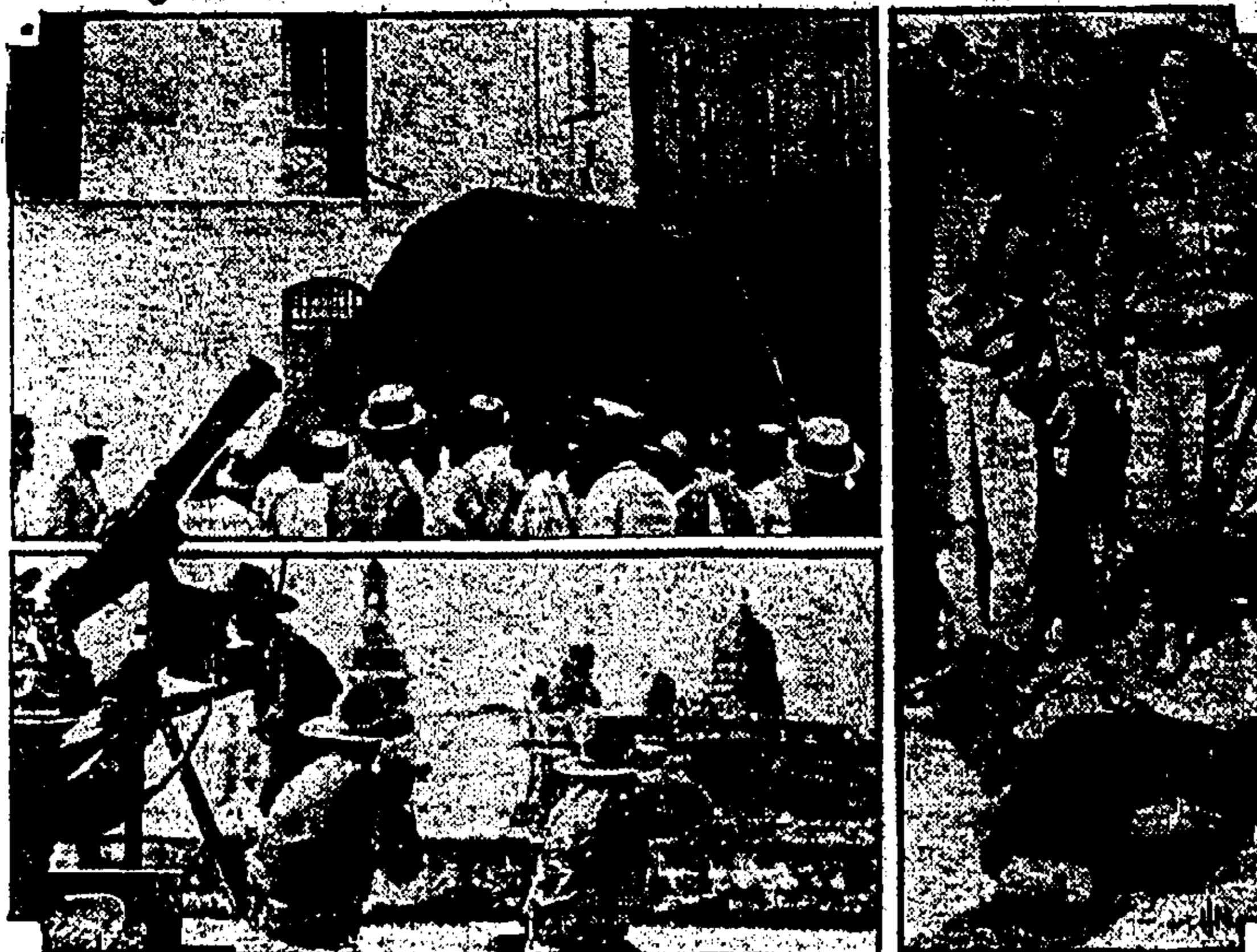
Sealers in Uniform are admitted Half

Price.

Bookmakers, The Two Men, etc., will

not be permitted to operate within the

Civil War Scenes in Turbulent Cuba



Scenes in revolution-torn Havana during the latest outbreak, when rebels took possession of strategic points in the city, notably Atares Fortress, and were dislodged only after bombardment by warships in Havana Harbor, the gesture costing 150 lives, as well as hundreds of injuries. At top, a Federal armored tank is shown plowing streets in search of snipers; below, a machine gun crew on roof of the Presidential palace watch the skies for a rebel plane reported threatening to bomb the palace; right, Federal troops with one of their comrades slain by a sniper.

BRIDGE NOTES

CONTRACT BRIDGE

BY ANCHORITE

IX

(This series of articles is based on Culbertson's system of bidding).

Rebids by Opening Hand

A second and any subsequent

bid by the opening hand is called

a rebid. A rebid in No-trump

points to additional honour

strength; a rebid in the same suit

points to additional strength in

trumps.

Rebids are like raises, classed as

shaded and full. A shaded rebid

is made on ½ trick — sometimes

even on a "plus" value — above

the minimum shown in a previous

bid. In a case when partner has

given a double raise in a suit, or a

jump to two No-trumps, a shaded

rebid would be justified with a

slightly better distribution than

the 4-3-3-3.

To make a shaded rebid after

partner's minimum response would

be to invite disaster. A full re-

bid requires between 1-½ honour

tricks or low card tricks.

Each rebid must show a possible

winner—even a slight one—in ad-

dition to those already expected by

partner. The failure to adhere

strictly to this, results in duplica-

tion of information, or in bidding

twice on the same trick values,

which is the fault of many players.

A hand containing 6½ playing

tricks has two full and one shaded

rebid, that is, it can bid twice more

after a raise from partner, and

even once again if opening bidder

should be hard pressed.

Rebids with Partner's Support

As opening hand calls for not

less than 2½ honour tricks, which

generally equals 3½ to 4 playing

tricks, the simple rule is to count

the total number of tricks in the

hand, deduct four (already shown

by opening the bidding), and bid

once again for each trick in ex-

cess of four.

To save a game, the opening

hand may occasionally be compell-

ed to overbid for a sacrifice. This

however, will be a simple matter of

watching the score sheet and only

overbidding what is justified by

the penalties which might occur.

Rebids when Partner Passes

When the partner of an opening

bidding passes a suit bid of "one,"

the inference is that he holds less

than 2½ playing tricks in all, and

less than an Ace and Queen (1½

honour tricks) in higher cards. It

is, of course, quite likely that the

hand contains as little as ½ trick

and great care should be taken by

opening hand to avoid unjustified

overbidding. When opening hand

has been overcalled by opponent,

he should never gamble on more

than 2 tricks in partner's hand,

when vulnerable, and not more

than three tricks when not vulner-

able.

Revaluation of Opening Hand

When the supporting hand, in-

stead of raising the bid, takes out

CATTLE THIEVES' CLEVER RUSE.

Priest Re-purchases Own Stock.

Belgrade.

Cattle thieves at Bjelovar

stole some fine pedigree animals

from a local priest.

A few days later the priest

went to the market to buy others

to replace them.

He saw a number of excellent

animals of the same breed as

those he had lost, but with differ-

ent markings, and decided to

buy them.

He had just handed over the

money when a policeman came

up and arrested the salesman.

He told the priest that the cat-

tles were his own.

But it was not until he had

been shown the complete chemi-

cal outfit with which the trans-

formation had been made that

the priest believed him.—Reuter.

TOO HOT FOR THE BAIL

K.C.C. CHECK AT SOOKUNPOO DASHES CHAMPIONSHIP HOPES

W. REED AND RODRIGUES ADD 60 RUNS AT K.C.C.

Recreio Win 12-A-Side Encounter.

PRATA'S "FIREWORKS"

(By ATHOLE)

In a twelve-a-side game at the K.C.C. on Saturday the Recreio beat the home Club's junior team by 7 wickets, mainly through the good batting of A. Rodrigues, who scored 41 out of 72.

Receiving early setbacks the K.C.C. never settled down, and C. Lopes, going on as third change bowler, secured the wickets of L.P.H. Macaulay (8), D. S. Green (5), W. H. G. Hirst (6), and G. A. White (6) for 10 runs to dismiss the home team for 72.

After losing their first wicket at 9, W. A. Reed (29) and Rodrigues (41) added 60 runs for the second wicket to ensure a Recreio win. Rodrigues hit six boundaries in his 41.

A Prata, a very promising batsman, scored freely, hitting a ball from D. S. Green out of the ground and including three boundaries in his 20, scored out of 24. The Recreio eventually totalled 123.

SMITH AIDS CLUB TO BEAT CLOCK

Spirited Knock Thwarts Craigengower.

BECK'S GOOD SPELL

(By ATHOLE)

SPRITED hitting by J. E. Smith, who hit up 30 out of 43, enabled the Club to beat Craigengower by 4 wickets after a thrilling encounter against the clock in their premier league game on the Club ground on Saturday.

Requiring over 60 to win when he went in Smith hit a ball from "Tinker" Lee out of the ground and scored three boundaries in his 30.

A. C. Beck again proved his worth as a shock bowler when he sent back A. T. Lee in his first over and before a run had been scored. In his second spell he dismissed A. B. Hanson, C. W. Lam, and F. Broadbridge for 9 runs to finish the match with 4 for 26.

Hanson played a dogged knock for 31, scored out of 62 for Craigengower. In partnership with F. R. Zimmern he added 23 valuable runs for the sixth wicket in the face of very steady bowling.

E. Zimmern, the former Craigengower skipper, was in good form behind the sticks, snapping up A. Pearce off U. M. Omar, stumping Smith off A. T. Lee, and allowing no byes in the Club total of 116.

62 Runs In Two Overs

JACK HOBBS, England's famous batsman, thinks that D. R. Jardine will be offered the captaincy against the Australians next summer, but should he decline "it would not surprise me in the least if B. H. Valentine (Kent) gets the position." All three players are now in India with the M.C.C. team.

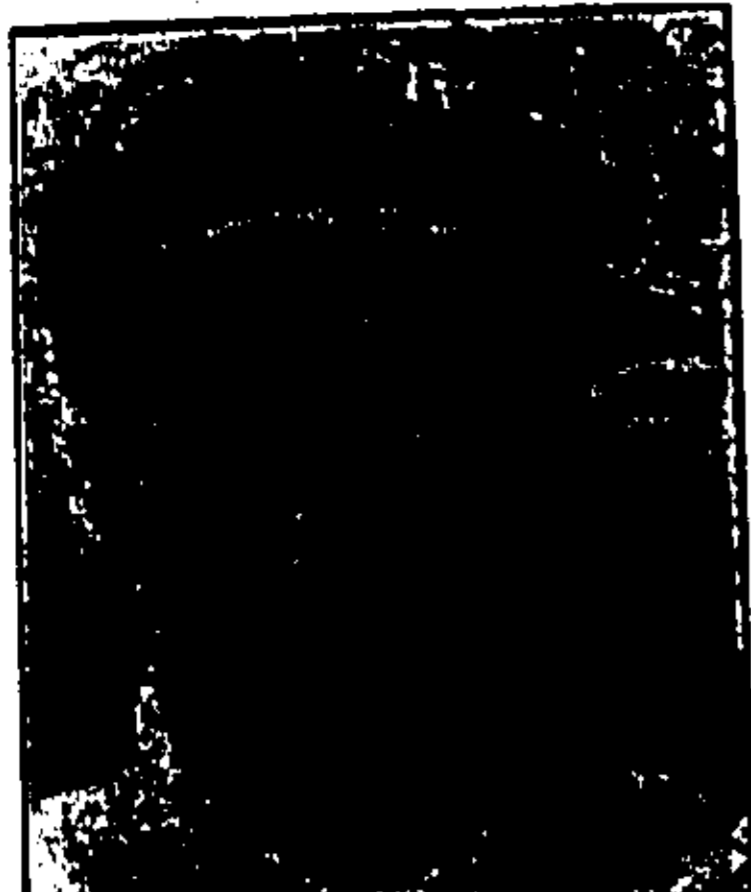
The news from Australia that Don Bradman hit up exactly 100 runs in 45 minutes against Dacca was no surprise to other fast-scoring bats. There was Alliston's 189 in 90 minutes on the Brighton ground twenty-three years ago after he had taken an hour over his first 50!

What hitting followed! While Bradman did not get a 6, Alliston hit eight—and 23 runs as well. His last 59 came in 15 minutes, which, for speed, puts Bradman well in the shade.

But even Alliston's knock pales beside the innings of W. Hyman at Thorbury in 1902. Making 359 out of 408 for six wickets in 200 minutes, Hyman took 82 runs off two overs sent down by Dr. E. M. Grace.

Was "the Coroner" discouraged? He was not. When it was hinted that he might take himself off, W. G.'s brother replied, "Oh! I'll get him—he's nibbling."

C. K. Naidu, who captained the India touring eleven in England, will lead the side in the Test matches against the M.C.C.



W. H. PONSFORD will find it difficult to get back into the Australian Test team, but he has commenced the season with a century.

Taylor Plays Through Innings For 49 Out of 96

Navy Slow Bowler Takes 6 For 15 For Club.

REDMOND HITS SIXES

(By ATHOLE)

SGT. Taylor played a very sound innings for the Royal Engineers against the Club juniors at Sookunpoo on Saturday, carrying his bat for 49, scored out of 96, after opening the innings.

Scoring six boundaries, mainly through waiting for the right ball to hit he has now more or less made certain of his place in the Army league team. He and Q. M. S. Blackler (9) added 39 for the second wicket.



Lt. Marsham, the Navy all-rounder, had 6 for 15 with his slow deliveries. In his first over he dismissed Lt. Cooper, L/Cpl. Greenhill, and Major Mousley for one run. He hit the stumps five times.

T. M. L. Redmond, who played for Hong Kong against Malaya six weeks ago, took 3 for 26 and scored 72 retired out of 121. He hit Q. M. S. Blackler and Lt. Walker for sixes and collected eleven boundaries.

Not since the Trials has Redmond really shown his best form, but he is too good for junior cricket. His first five scoring shots were 44, 116, 116, 116, and 116.

H. J. Armstrong (30) aided Redmond to add 80 for the first wicket before he was run out. The Club then lost A. D. Lawson and R. S. W. Patterson, both of whom were clean bowled by Sgt. Anderson, for the addition of 13 runs, and it was not until the fourth wicket had fallen that the Club passed their opponents' total.

W. J. O'Reilly (N.S.W.) took 13 for 111 against Queensland to give his State victory by an innings and 171 runs in the Sheffield Shield series. In this game Don Bradman scored 209 and W. Brown 154.

Australian Test candidates were in good form in the Victoria-S. Australia encounter, which the former won by 169 runs.

Victoria 197 (Woodfull 52, Grimmett 7 for 80).

431 (Ponsford 122, Blyth 123) S. Australia 228 (Nitschke 55, Fleetwood Smith 6 for 61).

231 (V. Y. Richardson 102, Ironmonger 6 for 45).

China Mail Sports Diary.

TO-DAY

Contract Bridge. First Round Open Tournament (Sports Club, 8 p.m.) Golf.

Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, Ladies' Section, Medal Competition (New Course).

Miscellaneous. Kowloon Chess Club and Presentation of Chess (Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 7.30 p.m.).

Palairé And Larkin Add 101 Runs

Cagby Records Best Bowling Of Season.

CIVIL SERVANTS SCORE 19 FROM BAT!

(By ATHOLE)

MAGNIFICENT bowling by L. A. C. Cagby, who took 6 for 2 when given the ball as third change bowler, was responsible for the Navy's second junior league triumph when they beat the Civil Service

by 134 runs at King's Park on Saturday.

Lt. Comdr. Palairé (33) and Lt. Larkin (74 not out) added 64 runs for the first Navy wicket before the former was held off Edmonds. He had hit three boundaries and three 3's.

Larkin and Mld Slater (49) then added 101 runs in an unbroken second wicket stand and the innings was declared at 165 for 1. In his 74 Larkin hit five boundaries and knocked a ball from E. W. Hamilton out of the ground—a very big hit on the large Navy ground. Slater hit only two boundaries.

Losing their first three wickets for 17 runs the Civil Service batsmen failed miserably against a well varied attack that was changed too often to allow the batsmen to settle down. Sub-Lt. Luard actually bowled six consecutive overs in his only spell in which he took the wickets of P. D. Crawley and W. H. Edmonds.

Given a chance with the ball at 23 for 4, Cagby dismissed the remaining six batsmen for 8 runs his own personal "bar" being:

O. M. R. W.
5 3 2 6
Actually the Civil Servants scored only 19 runs from the bat, there being 12 extras in their poor total of 31. It was their opening match.

Medicals Lose Third Successive Game.

YEOH PLAYS STEADY KNOCK

WHEN Major Bonavia was dismissed without the 10 having been signalled the Medical Corps never recovered in their junior league game against Craigengower at the Valley on Saturday and were beaten by 6 wickets after scoring 81.

Cpl. College offered a stubborn front, but when he left a victim to E. Sparrow the side collapsed before Sparrow (4 for 23), S. Abbas (4 for 37) and W. K. Way (2 for 11).

Craigengower lost their first four wickets for 38 runs, Cpl. Millington sending back Abbas Sparrow, and F. Broadbridge for 27 runs, but T. Yeoh stopped the "rot" with a very sound knock for 41, scored out of 62.

Yeoh hit seven boundaries, and in partnership with A. Kitchell added 45 in an unbroken fifth wicket partnership. This was Craigengower's first win, and the Medicals' third successive defeat.

Junior League Results.

THE following have been the results of the eight junior league games played to date:

L.R.C. beat Recreio by 61 runs.
K.C.C. beat R.A.M.C. by 6 wickets.
K.C.C. beat R.A.M.C. by 112 runs.
Navy beat L.R.C. by 3 wickets.
L.R.C. beat Craigengower by 6 wickets.
R.A.S.C. beat Police 7 runs.

Craigengower beat R.A.M.C. by 6 wickets.

Navy beat C.S.C.C. by 134 runs.

Lt. Larkin's 74 not out for the Navy against the Civil Service is the best score in the League to date, and L. A. E. Cagby's 6 for 2 for the Navy against the Civil Service is the best bowling feat.

JATS GO NAP

Goals by Habib (2) and Jall (4) gave the Jats victory over the H.K.S.A. by five clear goals in the Marina ground yesterday.

CLUB SHOULD MAKE BOLD BID

L.R.C. AND ARMY BATTING NOT STRONG ENOUGH

NAVY'S CHALLENGE FOR THEIR FIRST JUNIOR TITLE

(By Athole)

THE KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB AGAIN GOT SO NEAR BUT YET SO FAR WHEN THEY WERE FORCED TO A DRAW BY THE INDIAN RECREATION CLUB WHO HAD ONLY ONE WICKET TO FALL WITH 81 RUNS REQUIRED, IN THEIR PREMIER LEAGUE GAME ON SATURDAY. THIS SECOND CHECK FOR THE KOWLOON ELEVEN HAS MADE THE HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB, WHO HAVE WON THEIR TWO OPENING GAMES, THE FAVOURITES FOR THE TITLE THEY LAST WON IN THE 1928-9 SEASON.

The Club have now to meet the University (Champions), the Indians, the Army, the Civil Service, and Kowloon, and are almost assured of four more victories and a probable draw against the strong K.C.C. batting side. The Indians have a very poor batting side and the Army, when Capt. Williams and Lt. Garthwaite are out, do not impress.

The Navy are making a bold bid for the Second League Championship, having beaten the Indians and the Civil Service in their two opening matches. They have never won the junior shield which was first played for in the 1921-22 season. They may, however, receive setbacks at the hands of Craigengower (Champions), the Club, and the Recreio.

K.C.C. SCORING RATE TOO SLOW

Fincher Faced With An Unenviable Situation.

COSTLY ERRORS IN FIRST OVER OF L.R.C. INNINGS

(By ATHOLE)

OWING to the slow rate of scoring at the commencement of the K.C.C. innings Teddy Fincher was in an unenviable position as the hands of the clock slowly crept towards 4 o'clock in the premier league game against the I. R. C. on Saturday.

After 98 minutes there were only 137 runs on the board, which was not enough on such a small ground and with the possibility of A. E. Minu and F. D. Pereira coming off to collect quick runs off the weak Kowloon attack. He decided to allow S. V. Gittins to have a "beat" and in 11 minutes 33 runs were added, of which Gittins claimed 22.

Fincher declared at 170 for 6 and left the Indians 83 minutes to get the runs after the visitors had batted 109 minutes.

Losing their first three wickets for 17 runs in 24 minutes the Indians were unable to take too many chances and a draw seemed inevitable unless the K.C.C. could dismiss the remaining seven wickets in less than 59 minutes.

Baker's Ordeal in Last Over

With 20 minutes to go the seventh wicket fell and there was a distinct possibility, but a quarter of an hour went by before the ninth wicket fell at 90. A. K. Ismail had one ball from G. C. Burnett and it hit him on the nose. Fincher then brought W. C. Hung on for F. S. W. Smith for the last over. In fast falling light A. Baker could not have been blamed, had he lost his wicket to the fast bowler, as it was he did not touch one ball, the third one just shaving his leg stump.

Madar Sends K.C.C. In

Winning the toss A. H. Madar wisely sent the K.C.C. in to bat. I was glad to see Fincher followed my suggestion of opening with C. I. Stapleton, the former Interporter proving his value against fast bowling with a nice leg boundary off Pereira and a pull to the rails off Minu in the opening overs. He was unfortunate to be out to a ball from Pereira that appeared to pitch outside the leg stump and which came in to hit him on the pads. There was a confident appeal and the scoreboard read: 15-1-11. He was, however, missed badly by Baker at square leg off Minu when 6.

I was surprised to see Ernie Fincher go out in his usual position at No. 1 when suffering from an injured knee sustained at hockey. He was unable to stretch the all-important short angles, which would have upset the home strong Indian

fielders, and refused to have a runner.

His injury, however, spurred him on to much quicker scoring than is his wont. When Teddy left at 66 after trying to pull a ball from A. K. Ismail which came in to bowl him for 21, Ernie's share of the 41 added for the second wicket was 24. He increased his rate of scoring and when dismissed at 86 he had scored 43 out of 74 in 49 minutes. He hit eight boundaries, being missed off Pereira when 30.

Mackay Plays Pereira Well

N. A. E. Mackay batted well to follow up his effort against the Army, being undefeated at the close with 45 scored out of 114 in 68 minutes. He hit five boundaries in a chanceless innings featured by the masterly manner he played Pereira's expressions.

Gittins again proved his worth as a fast scoring batsman, hitting a ball from A. Rahman out of the ground with a glorious straight drive and reaching the rails on three other occasions in his 22, scored out of 33 in 11 minutes!

Madar handled his attack well giving Pereira and Minu trials at either end in short bursts of three or four overs. Unfortunately the wicket played very true and Pereira was not at his best, while Minu, though troubling Teddy Fincher in his opening spell, again failed to keep the desired length for success.

Rumjahn's Lucky Escapes

The Indians were extremely fortunate when off Burnett's third ball A. H. Rumjahn was badly missed by Mackay behind the wicket. The opening batsman's next scoring shot should have been held by C.B.R. Sargent, who got both hands to the ball in the gully. These two errors cost the K.C.C. 29 runs by Rumjahn, who remained at the crease while 81 runs were scored in 72 minutes.

S. A. Ismail was dismissed with a typical Teddy Fincher catch high up in the slips off Hung at 5 and A. S. Suffiad left 7 runs later after attempting to hit Burnett out of the ground. Gittins and Ernie Fincher both ran for a skier and Gittins took the full force of the ball for Fincher to catch the rebound. Madar left in Burnett's next over as the result of playing too soon to a swinging ball and giving Teddy Fincher an easy catch at slip point (7-3-1. Burnett at this stage had taken 2 for 9).

Minu was then sent in to live a matter up, and, after he escaped stumping when going out to Burnett's slower ball when 6, rattled up 22 out of 32 in 16 minutes.

Hitting four boundaries as the result of big leg hits Minu aided K. Nazarin (15) to add 82 for the fourth wicket, before being well caught off a slider to extra cover by A. T. Lay.

Successful Bowling Change

Fincher then relieved Burnett, who had bowled 10 overs for 64 runs and 3 wickets, and the change was almost immediately successful, Sargent dismissing Pereira and Rahman with successive balls in his "second" over. Smith bowled Nazarin with a beautiful length

RUMJAHN'S ALL-ROUND FEAT AGAINST POLICE

Averages 7.31 In Bowling For St. Joseph's.

MAKES HIGHEST COLLEGE SCORE OF SEASON

(By ATHOLE).

Only a spirited knock by T. H. King, who hit seven boundaries in his 33 scored out of 46, enabled the Police to total 119 against St. Joseph's for whom A. A. Rumjahn took 9 wickets for 42 runs.

Keeping an excellent length Rumjahn conceded six runs for P. H. Loughlin's wicket in five overs in his first spell. Coming on again at 38 for 1 he took the wickets of W. L. Clarke (15), W. Meadows (22) and G. Wynne (0) in his third over, and finished off the innings for 119 when he dismissed T. H. King (33), E. G. Post (3) and A. Kirby (0) in seven balls for one run.

Rumjahn, who was robbed of the sixth wicket to fall (Wagland) by C. Amory (1 for 20) had the following remarkable figures for the match:

O. M. R. W.
13.3 7 24 9

G. Windsor (20) and A. A. Rumjahn (65) laid the foundations for the St. Joseph's win by 7 wickets when they added 42 runs for the second wicket. Rumjahn and H. Asome (24) were together when the winning hit was made—the pair added 55 for the fourth wicket.

Rumjahn followed up his brilliant bowling feat with a well played 65 scored out of 108. He hit ten boundaries.

Asome had a 5 overthrow credited to him against King, and hit the same bowler for the only 6 of the match.

The following have been Rumjahn's bowling feats this season:

v University II	11	4	16	3
v University II	6	0	27	1
v Ricket Hall (U.)	12	2	48	5
v Recreio	16	4	60	4
v Ellis, Kadoorie S.	1	0	7	0
v Police	13.3	7	24	9

His average for the season is 7.51 runs per wicket.

Rumjahn's 65 was the highest score of the season for St. Joseph's. G. Windsor's 62 not out against Queen's College being the previous best. Windsor also scored 60 retired against La Salle College. A. H. Baker scored 52 against the I.R.C. juniors.

Meadows is proving a very useful opening batsman for the Police, having scored 30 against the Club, 46 against the Service Corps, 1 against the I.R.C. juniors, and 22 against St. Joseph's.

ball that broke appreciably and had the batsman beaten all ends up.

With J. S. A. Curriem, (13) showing a partiality to Smith's bowling and Sargent having accomplished what was required of him I think Fincher kept Smith off too long and Sargent should not have been given his third over.

Burnett came back at 88 and clean bowled Rumjahn with his first ball. The veteran, after a shaky start, had been the model of patience and caution, treating full tosses with pars to leg and holding his end up with admirable determination.

Curriem went in Burnett's second over, and A. K. Ismail came in to face the last ball which hit his pads harmlessly with six fielders almost touching him on either side of the wicket. Hung then bowled a maiden to Baker and the match was left drawn.

I do not think Fincher did wrong under the circumstances, an earlier declaration might have proved fatal.

Premier League Results.

The following have been the results of the seven First Division League matches played to date:

L.R.C. beat Navy by 8 wickets.
L.R.C. beat Craigengower by 138 runs.

Army drew with the Navy.

K.C.C. drew with the Army.

H.K.C.C. beat the Navy by 10 wickets.

K.C.C. drew with the L.R.C.

H.K.C.C. beat Craigengower by 6 runs.

CHRISTIE NOT TO FIGHT AGAIN IN THE COLONY

Recent Operation Spoils His Chances.

HOPES TO MEET EWING IN ENGLAND

(By RINGSIDERS)

BOXING enthusiasts will hear with regret that A. B. Christie will not again be seen in action in the Colony following a recent operation.

Christie displayed amazing pluck when opposed to the whirlwind A. B. Fraggott at the Lee Theatre earlier in the year. Taking severe punishment he was beaten on points on that occasion.

Christie hopes to fulfil his engagement with Seaman Harry Ewin, the Colony middleweight Champion, on his arrival in England.

NAVY BOXING TOURNEYS.

Start In Less Than Week.

The Officers, Novices, Boys, and Amateur (team) Navy boxing tournaments will start on December 17, while the Open, another team event, will be begun on December 31. The Finals of this tournament will be decided, it is hoped, at the Lee Theatre on January 6.

One team from each of the following may enter—Kent, Suffolk, Berwick, Cumberland, Eagle, Fourth Submarine Flotilla, Eighth Destroyer Flotilla. Small Ships to include Tamar, Bruce, Sloops, Herald (if present) and the West River Gunboats.

NG SZE KWONG BILLIARDS

Maltby Ensures Win For Holders.

LINCOLNS BEAT DESTROYERS

IN the second round of the Ng Sze Kwong Billiards-Cup, at the Sailors and Soldiers Home Wanchai last night the Lincolns (Holders) defeated the 8th Destroyer Flotilla by 6 games to 0 and qualified to meet H. M. S. Cumberland in the semi-final.

L/Cpl. Maltby, the Battalion champion, made the issue safe when he won by 104 points, scoring his 150 in 25 minutes.

Best breaks were recorded by James (27 and 23), Dayanith (24), Pease (22), and Maltby (21).

Scores.

	8th D. F.	
Atkinson	150 Yeomans	182
James	150 Pease	97
Maltby	150 Armer	46
Abbott	150 Newman	110
Herriott	150 Dayanith	144

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The next game will be played on Friday when the Royal Engineers and the Borderers will decide the right of entry to the other semi-final to oppose H. M. S. Eagle.

CONTRACT BRIDGE TOURNNEY.

Eleven First Round Results.

ELEVEN First Round matches in the Contract Bridge Tournament were decided yesterday as follows:

P. N. da Silva and H. Barros beat Mr. and Mrs. Kershaw.

M. H. Lo and H. Lo beat Mrs. Grist and Dr. I. Newton.

M. K. and M. W. Lo beat Mrs. A. L. Shields and Mrs. Grossman.

Major Field and F. W. Edge beat Mrs. W. M. Lambert and Mrs. M. A. Johnson.

P. V. Botelho and A. A. D'Arvedo beat Mrs. J. H. Lewis Turner and Mrs. H. Odell.

B. E. Russell and D. H. O'Kieffe beat Mr. Worthington and Mrs. Keary.

Mrs. Litton and Dr. K. W. Chann beat Mrs. D. J. Lewis and Mrs. W. Clark.

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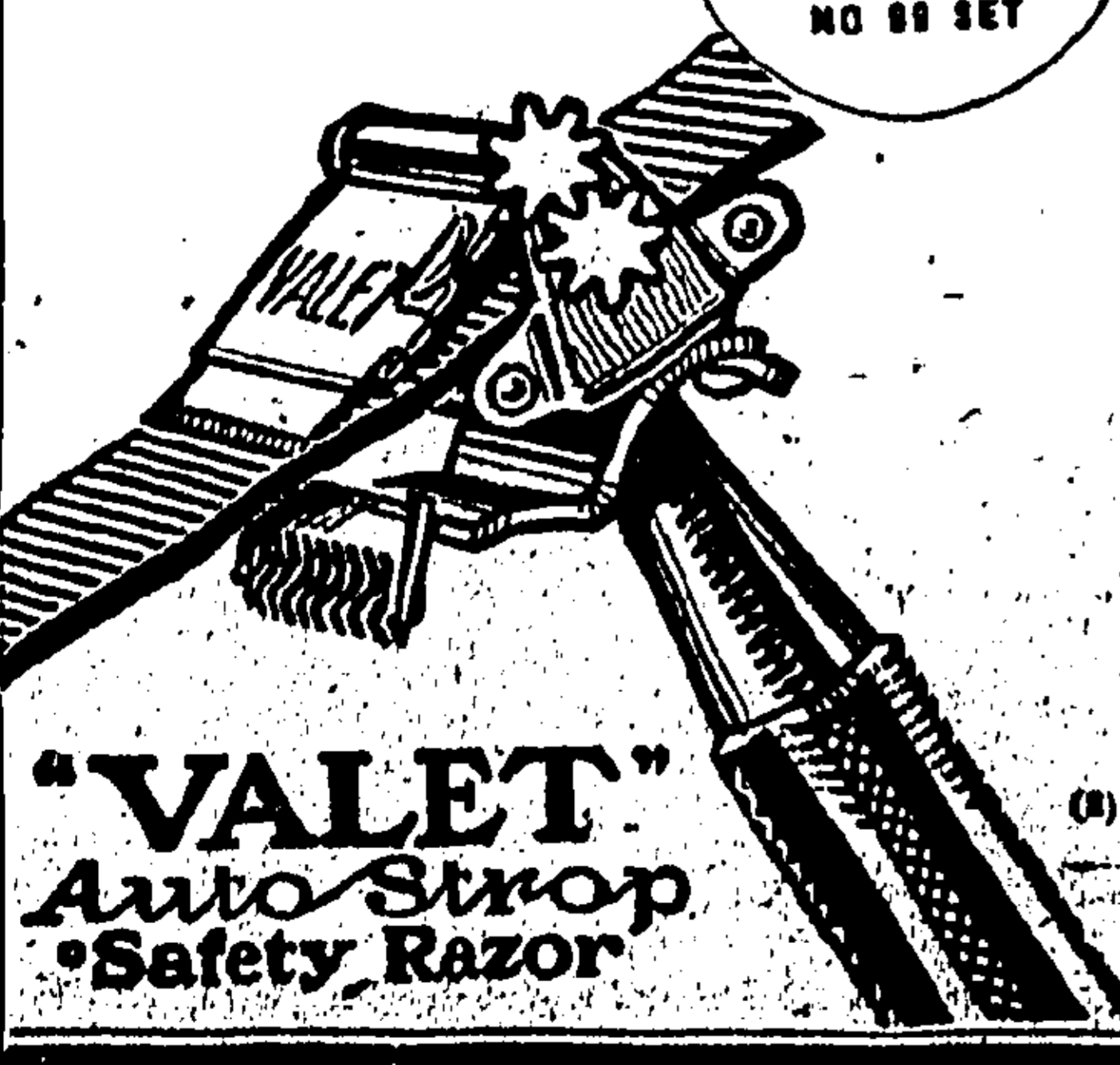
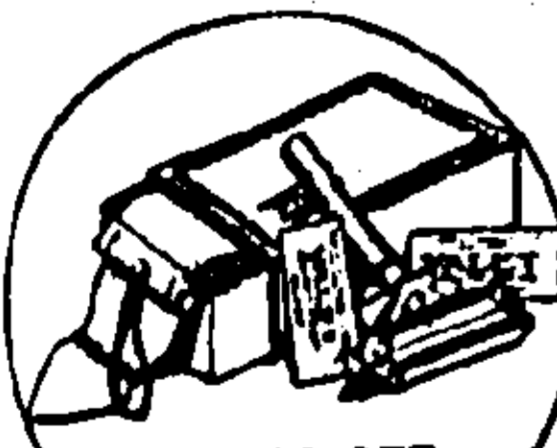
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MOUTRIE MAY GO IN HOSPITAL

Oxford Favoured To-day
(By SCRUM HALF)

A. P. Hall-Thompson who has been away from the Colony ever since the end of the last rugby season is expected back this week from Foochow. Should he stay in the Colony for a considerable length of time he may probably solve the Club's wing forward problem.

G. C. Moutrie, the Club's front row forward, will not be turning out for the Club "A" against the Navy "A" to-morrow as he is suffering from a septic foot. It is believed that he will go into hospital for a few days.

C. Austin, the Shanghai Inter-porter, has now recovered his fitness and will probably be seen in action to-morrow against the Navy "A". He hooked for Shanghai in the memorable game at the Valley in February, 1931.

Prior to the Triangular Tournament fixture between the Club and the Army, there will be a game in which the pack of the Navy premier fifteen and Army and Club backs will play against a team comprised of the Navy backs and Club and Army forwards.

This should prove rather interesting as it will possibly show any weakness in the Navy team.

E. G. Jones, who tore a cartilage in the knee last Wednesday, may not turn out to-morrow, but will be seen out to-morrow week in an "A" fixture. The injury is not very serious and requires only time to heal.

The following is the Club "A" team to meet the Navy "A" on the Club ground at 4.45 p.m. to-morrow:

R. P. Edwards; B. C. Allan; J. Hutchinson; L. G. Robertson; W. Harris; Walker; A. F. Jenkins; H. C. Meake; C. Austin; W. R. Andrews; R. J. Cherrill; S. H. Garrod; A. R. Cox; N. M. Cochran; A. N. O'Neil; A. H. Harbord.

Referee—Mr. C. E. Holmes.

THE Royal Artillery unit stationed on Stonecutters' Island will meet the Lincolnshire Regiment in a friendly rugby match at Sookun-poo at 4.30 p.m. to-morrow.

The Artillery team will be composed of the following fifteen:

Gnr. Hopkins; Gnr. O'Brien; Lieut. A. L. Birt; Sgt. Clark and Gnr. Tullett; L. Bdr. Hall and Lieut. C. C. Garthwaite; Gnr. Hubbard; Lieut. B. L. E. Hobart; Gnr. Barrackpore; L. Bdr. Fulham; L. Bdr. Smith; Bdr. Almark; Gnr. Warren and Lieut. N. W. Metcalfe.

Reserves:—Tpr. Nicklem, Gnr. Ryder and Gnr. Scott.

ROLLA PILOTTED TO
WIN BY MRS. KEMBLE

Zephyr And Joss Win In
Ladies' Yachting.

ROLLA (Mrs. Kemble) won the "H" Class event in the First Ladies' Yachting Championship yesterday when she beat Ariel (Miss B. Fair) by 2 mins. 5 secs. over a 5.4 miles course.

The following were the results in correct order:

"H" Class
1. Rolla (Mrs. Kemble); 2. Ariel (Miss B. Fair); 3. Dorothea (Mrs. Cooke); 4. Diana (Mrs. Whitham).
"I" Class
1. Zephyr (Mrs. Wren); 2. Stella (Miss B. Fair); 3. Bluejacket (Mrs. Atkinson); 4. Robina (Mrs. Marshall); 5. Speedwell (Mrs. Horne); 6. Alisa (Miss Fahnstock); 7. Toynette (Miss O. Falchett).
"A" Class
1. Joss (Mrs. Stanton); 2. Pat (Mrs. Elliott); 3. Wren (Mrs. Fowkes); 4. Furry (Mrs. Bolt); 5. True Blue (Mrs. Adams); 6. La Linda (Mrs. Sheldon).

ARSENAL TO ENTERTAIN PENSIONERS
IN "DERBY" CLASH: SPURS TO TRAVEL:
GRIMSBYS' STIFF HURDLE

RANGERS AND MOTHERWELL IN AWAY GAMES

English League.

FIRST DIVISION.
ARSENAL (4) v Chelsea (1)
BIRMINGHAM (4) v Leicester (4)
BLACKBURN (4) v Huddersfield (2)
DERBY (3) v Sheffield U. (0)
Everton (6) v Sunderland (1)
LEEDS (2) v Wolves (0)
MANCHESTER C. (1) v Liverpool (1)
MIDDLESBRO (5) v Portsmouth (4)
NEWCASTLE (-) v Stoke (-)
Wednesday (-) v Tottenham (-)
WEST BROMWICH (2) v Aston Villa (3)

TABLE TO DATE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	18	10	3	5	38	18	25
Tottenham	18	10	4	4	32	17	24
Derby	17	9	3	5	32	19	23
Huddersfield	18	9	4	5	34	31	23
Manchester C.	18	8	4	6	20	10	22
Sunderland	18	6	3	4	24	21	21
W. Bromwich	18	6	4	4	29	22	20
Blackburn	18	7	2	3	38	20	20
Portsmouth	18	7	6	5	22	27	19
Wolves	18	7	7	4	29	37	19
Leeds	17	7	3	3	30	30	17
Liverpool	17	7	8	3	35	37	17
Aston Villa	17	9	9	0	24	40	13
Middlesbrough	17	5	6	6	32	31	16
Everton	17	5	6	6	28	26	16
Birmingham	18	4	6	8	19	18	16
Leicester	18	5	8	5	26	29	15
Newcastle	18	4	7	7	26	35	15
Wednesday	18	6	10	2	28	35	14
Stoke	18	4	8	6	18	37	14
Sheffield U.	18	5	10	3	22	45	13
Chelsea	18	3	13	2	22	44	8

SECOND DIVISION.

Blackpool (-) v Grimsby (-)
BRADFORD C. (2) v Notts F. (2)
BURY (5) v Burnley (3)
FULHAM (1) v Preston (0)
HULL (-) v Oldham (-)
LINCOLN (-) v BRENTFORD (-)
MILWALL (-) v BOLTON (-)
Notts C. (4) v Plymouth (1)
PORT VALE (4) v West Ham (0)
SOUTHAMPTON (2) v Bradford (0)
Swansea (2) v Manchester U. (1)

TABLE TO DATE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Grimsby	18	13	5	0	44	15	26
Bolton	18	11	6	1	34	27	23
Blackpool	18	9	4	5	30	18	23
Port Vale	18	9	6	3	29	22	22
Brentford	18	8	5	5	40	30	21
Preston	18	8	5	5	32	24	21
Plymouth	18	7	6	5	39	30	20
Bradford C.	18	9	8	1	36	34	19
West Ham	18	7	6	5	38	30	19
Manchester U.	18	8	8	2	29	38	18
Notts F.	18	7	7	4	29	28	18
Notts C.	18	6	6	6	24	20	17
Fulham	18	6	6	6	20	17	17
Southampton	18	7	8	3	20	20	17
Hull	18	6	7	5	29	36	17
Oldham	18	6	7	5	26	29	17
Bradford A.	18	8	9	1	31	31	17
Burnley	18	6	9	3	32	35	15
Bury	18	5	9	4	26	42	14
Swansea	18	4	10	4	23	31	12
Lincoln	18	3	10	5	12	26	11
Milwall	18	3	10	5	11	27	11

KENT BEAT
CUMBERLAND
IN RUGBY GAME

Garwood Kicks Penalty
Goal And Finch-Noyes
Scores Try.

POOR PASSING BY BACKS

(By OUTSIDE LEFT)

PLAYING at the Valley yesterday H.M.S. Kent defeated H.M.S. Cumberland by a penalty goal and a try (6 points) to nil, in a scrappy game of Rugby.

Bad passing among the backs on both sides nullified scoring opportunities, while the heeling in the light and loose scrums was also weak.

The Kent had more of the play, although the Cumberland backs lacked well to keep them out.

SUB. LT. GARWOOD opened the scoring for the Kent in the first half with a penalty goal, MID. FINCH-NOYES increasing the score in the second half with a try.

Henderson failing to convert, Kent: Mid. Henderson; Mid. Finch-Noyes; Ldg. St. Swift; A. B. Langway and Tel. Clarke; Sub-Lt. Garwood and L. S. Dowden; Lt. Carpentier; Lt. Owen; Lt. Sheppard; P. O. Brown; A. B. McManus; Lt. Still; Lt. Morris and Mid. Reed.
Cumberland: E. A. Drury; Sub-Lt. Mitchell; Sgt. L. Forster; Lt. Comdr. Goddard; and Lt. Richards; Lt. Sub-Lt. Talbot; A. B. Mariman; A. B. Smith; St. Elton; Ldg. St. Hughes; Lt. Emmanuel; Mid. Tier; P. E. A. Brewer and Lt. Brown.

Scottish League.

FIRST DIVISION.
AYR (4) v Airdrie (2)
CELTIC (0) v St. Mirren (0)
Cowdenbeath (1) v MOTHERWELL (4)
Hamilton (2) v Rangers (4)
Hibernians (-) v Dundee (-)
KILMARNOCK (1) v Falkirk (1)
PARTICK (2) v Third Lanark (2)
QUEEN'S PARK (4) v Aberdeen (0)
QUEEN'S SWINTON (-) v Clyde (-)
St. Johnstone (2) v Hearts (1)

TABLE TO DATE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Motherwell	21	18	0	3	52	18	39
Rangers	20	16	2	2	64	20	34
Ayr. Utd.	21	10	5	6	54	59	26
Hearts	21	10	4	6	45	26	20
Aberdeen	21	11	4	6	29	26	20
Kilmarnock	21	10	7	4	45	38	24
St. Johnstone	20	9	6	5	38	29	23
Falkirk	21	10	8	3	47	43	23
Queen's P.	20	10	10	0	38	50	20
Celtic	21	7	6	8	39	30	19
Dundee	20	10	8	2	40	30	18
Hamilton	19	7	8	4	35	48	18
Queen's Park	20	7	12	1	37	53	15
Hibernians	20	6	11	3	32	35	15
Partick	20	6	12	2	37	49	14
Third Lanark	20	4	11	5	37	62	13
Airdrie	19	5	12	2	26	49	12
St. Mirren	21	3	12	6	25	44	12
Cowdenbeath	20	3	13	4	35	57	10

(Teams in capital letters are forecasted winners and figures in brackets denote result of corresponding game last year.)

SPECIALS

HOME

Arsenal, Derby, Port Vale, Norwich, Ayr.

AWAY

Bolton, Brentford, Coventry, Motherwell, Rangers.

DRAWS

Wednesday, Notts County, Newport, Blackpool, Hibernians.

F.A. CUP

Arsenal To Visit Luton Town.

VILLA AT CHESTERFIELD

London, To-day.

The draw for the Third Round of the Cup Tie, to be played on January 13, was announced yesterday as follows:

Plymouth vs. Huddersfield.

Crystal Palace vs. Aldershot.

Manchester U. vs. Portsmouth.

Workington vs. Gateshead.

Southampton vs. Northampton.

Chelsea vs. West Bromwich.

Bristol City vs. Derby.

Rotherham vs. Wednesday.

Charlton vs. Port Vale.

Notts Forest vs. Qns. Pk. Rangers or N. Brighton.

Hull vs. Brentford.

Stoke vs. Bradford.

Reading vs. Oldham.

Birmingham vs. Sheffield United.

Brighton vs. Swindon.

Chesterfield vs. Aston Villa.

Leeds vs. Preston.

Grimsby vs. Walsall or Orient.

Tranmere vs. Southampton.

Bolton vs. Halifax or Hartlepool.

Sunderland vs. Middlesbrough.

Milwall vs. Accrington.

Wolverhampton vs. Newcastle.

Cheltenham vs. Blackpool.

Manchester C. vs. Blackburn.

Liverpool vs. Fulham.

Luton vs. Arsenal.

Swansea vs. Notts County.

Leicester vs. Lincoln.

Tottenham vs. Everton.

West Ham vs. Bradford City.

Burnley vs. Bury.

—Reuter.

PORTUGAL'S TEAM

Fifteen Selected For Game With China.

PORTUGAL'S football team for their Sunday Herald International Charity Cup encounter against China on December 26 on the Club ground, will be selected from the following:

R. Marques (St. Joseph's), E. Marques (Recreio), L. Gomes (St. Joseph's), E. Silva-Neto (Recreio), A. V. Gonsalo (St. Joseph's), S. Souza (Recreio), V. Marques (St. Joseph's), N. Beltrao (St. Joseph's), F. J. Elms (St. Joseph's), G. Gutierrez (Recreio), B. Gonsalo (St. Joseph's), A. Ward (St. Joseph's), L. Rocha (St. Joseph's), L. Fernandes (St. Joseph's), and Goncalves (Recreio).

KENT BOYS BEATEN

The H.M.S. Kent Boys lost to the

team by the odd goal in five on the Dockyard ground yesterday.

Pringle (2) and Ward scored for the winners and Marshall and Jones for the boys.

INTERPORT HOCKEY

SUB-COMMITTEE
ELECTED TO DEAL
WITH QUESTIONInternational Tourney
Jeopardised.

UMPIRING BOARD ELECTED

Navy Join Association But
Lay Down Condition

(By STICKS).

It was decided to allow the question of interport hockey games to be dealt with by a newly formed sub-committee, at the general meeting of the Hong Kong Hockey Association held at the Y.M.C.A. yesterday.

An umpiring board, however, consisting of Lt. Comdr. E. B. Leigh, R. N. (H. M. S. Medway), Captain J. J. Lyons (39th Jat Regiment) and Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell, was formed to deal with the 40 odd candidates who are to take the examinations.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton, the President of the Association, presided, and those present were Mr. A. A. Dand, vice-President, Mr. P. A. Kemp (Hon. Secretary), Mr. R. H. Wang (Hon. Treasurer), Lt. Comdr. F. B. Leigh, R. N., Mr. D. Woodward (I.C. Club), Mr. J. J. King (C.B.A.), Mr. O. May (German Club), Mr. A. E. P. Guest (St. Andrew's Club), Mr. A. M. Xavier (Club de Recreio), Mr. A. E. Xavier (United H. C.), Mr. J. J. Lyons (K.I.T.C.), Mr. Surin Singh (Radio S. C.), Mr. T. G. Barros (Incognitos H. C.) and Mr. E. L. Gosano (University).

Navy Joins Association

A letter was read to the meeting from the Hon. Secretary of the China Fleet Hockey Association in which the naval body intimated that they were ready to affiliate on the condition that the rules conformed with those of the Home Association.

On the proposal of Mr. A. A. Dand, seconded by Mr. F. A. Kemp, the Umpiring Board, consisting of Lt. Comdr. Leigh, R.N., Captain J. J. Lyons and Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell was formed.

It was decided that the examinations would take the form of an oral test and that at least three matches would have to be correctly umpired under observation of the Board. The examinations were to be left entirely to the Board.

Owing to the approaching departure of a number of naval ships until March next, it was decided to adjourn the subject of arrangements for the International matches until the next meeting. A letter has been received from Surg. Lt. Comdr. Phillips (H.M.S. Suffolk), who is resigning from the

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BUTCHER MEAT.				POULTRY.				
Beef	Shloin	lb.	34	24	Chicken	lb.	64	39
"	Prime Cut	"	30	28	Capons, Small	"	50	28
"	Corned	"	42	28	" Large	"	55	28
"	Roast	"	34	24	Duck	"	38	22
"	Breast	"	32	20	Doves	each	30	22
"	Soup	"	28	20	Eggs, Hen (cooking)	per doz.	38	18
"	Steak	"	34	24	Eggs, Hen (fresh)	"	40	28
"	Steak Shloin	"	30	20	Fowls, Hainan	lb.	52	—
"	Sausages	"	36	28	" Canton	"	68	—
Bullock's	Brains	per set	20	10	Geese	"	40	22
"	Tongue, fresh	each	85	50	Pigeons, Canton	each	25	20
"	" corned	"	1.05	—	" Holbow	"	30	20
"	Head	"	1.80	—	Turkeys, Cock	lb.	75	—
"	Heart	lb.	29	20	" Hen	"	70	61
"	Hump, Salt	"	20	10	Snipe	each	25	—
"	Feet	each	12	10	Phasianat	each	2.20	2.20
"	Kidneys	"	15	10	Quail	"	25	—
"	Tail	"	27	20	Partridges	"	1.00	—
"	Liver	lb.	29	18				
"	Tripe	"	1.80	6				
Calves	Head & Feet	set.	\$1.20	\$1.00				
Mutton	Chop	lb.	48	28				
"	Leg	"	45	28				
"	Shoulder	"	45	28				
Pigs	Saddle	"	48	27				
"	Brains	per set	5	—				
"	Feet	lb.	15	15				
"	Fry	"	28	18				
"	Head	"	17	20				
"	Heart	each	15	10				
"	Kidneys	"	18	10				
"	Liver	lb.	48	28				
Pork	Chop	"	32	28				
"	Leg	"	30	28				
"	Feet	"	35	60				
"	Past or Lard	"	21	21				
Sheep's	Head & Feet	per set	80	60				
"	Heart	each	15	6				
"	Kidneys	"	15	12				
"	Liver	"	45	28				
Sucking	Pigs, to							
"	Order	lb.	25	25				
"	Buck, Back	"	24	20				
"	Buck, Head	"	32	20				
"	Buck, Mutton	"	26	20				
"	Sausages	"	42	28				
"	No. 1	"	22	—				
FISH.				VEGETABLES, ETC.				
Barbel	"	lb.	50	16	Artichokes	lb.	12	—
Bream	"	"	26	24	Beans, Sprout	lb.	8	—
Canton	Fresh	"	24	—	" Long	"	—	—
"	Water Fish	"	24	—	Best Root	"	—	—
Carp	"	"	28	15	Brinjals, Green	"	12	5
Codfish	"	"	30	12	" Red	"	6	8
Crabs	"	"	22	12	Cabbage, Chinese	"	12	8
Cuttle Fish	"	"	25	65	" (Shanghai)	"	14	12
Eels	"	"	28	22	Caiflower (Large)	each	20	—
Eels, Conger	"	"	56	10	" (Medium)	"	16	

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WHITEAWAYS

The China Mail

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1933.

Plain Words To Mr. De Valera.

Mr. Thomas's declaration of the British Government's attitude towards the most recent developments of Mr. Valera's policy will command general assent throughout the Empire. It was dignified, reasonable and firm. The sole objectors will be those who make it their business to find impossible excuses for Irish pin-pricks administered in Hibernian fashion with a rusty nail, and who say that there must be means, hitherto untried, of winning over Mr. De Valera to an honest acceptance of what remains of the Treaty. There are none. Mr. De Valera has the reputation of being faithful to his word. He has said over and over again that he does not consider himself bound in honour by any words of fealty that he may have sworn—with mental reservations—to the Crown and the British connection, that he does not recognise the validity of the Treaty, and that he is only waiting the convenient moment to declare a Republic. If ever "faith unfaithful" kept a statesman "falsely true" both to the British connection and to the "Irish Republic," that statesman is Mr. De Valera. It would be a blunder of the first magnitude for the British Government to make overtures to Mr. De Valera. Whenever that was tried in the old days it ended in absolute failure and merely encouraged the malcontents and the extremists. Nor can there be any question of inviting the other Dominions to come into parley—why should they thrust their head into this hornet's nest? It is no longer a question of the annuity. It is a question of deliberately whittling away express obligations of the Treaty by a series of repudiations, until now, if the Bill passes the three Bills submitted to it, only the last link will remain. Nor should it be forgotten that while the first steps of this process were taken by the Cosgrave Government, the programme of the new United Ireland party includes a proposal to "reopen with Great Britain and Northern Ireland the partition question as the greatest obstacle to the full acceptance by the Irish people of free and equal partnership in the British Commonwealth." Yet everyone knows that to reopen the question of partition would be to throw a sword into the scales. Even if the partition line were wiped out, there would still remain the crucial problem of whether Ireland was to be a Republic with some form of Association with the British Commonwealth in some circumstances and for some reasons, and with recognition of the King as the Head of that Association, or a Dominion in the full sense that Canada and Australia are Dominions. Mr. De Valera's vague suggestion of being both in and out of the British Commonwealth—in whenever there is any profit to be snatched from membership and out whenever it is a question of sharing a common burden and performing honourable obligations—was declared by Mr. Thomas to be "totally unacceptable." The Imperial Conference of 1926 settled the constitutional relations between Great Britain and the Dominions. It has been a matter of the sincerest regret to all parties in this country that the Irish Free State, instead of falling into line with the other Dominions and with Great Britain, is resolutely bent on breaking the line and refusing to keep step. But what can one think when not even on Armistice Day can the Irish soldiers who fought for the Empire be publicly remembered in Dublin without disorder? That the Irish Free State is suffering severely from this insensate display of irreconcilable ill-will, not only economically but in status and prestige, needs no demonstration. The will to friendship is strong on the British side and abiding, but no occasionally conforming members in the British Commonwealth are wanted.

Training The Body.

It is a curious—and, perhaps, not a very creditable—fact that the new Physical Training College for Men opened by Lord Irwin at Leeds should be the first of its kind in Britain, and should owe, if not its whole existence, at least its splendour, to the munificence of the Carnegie Trust. It is designed to train a new class of teachers of "gymnastic"—in the widest classical sense of the term—rather than of gymnastics, in the modern sense. The old type of instructor is to be superseded by one whose status will be equal to that of any other class of teacher. For the entrants are all to be university graduates and certificated teachers. In this particular field we, as a nation, have hitherto lagged behind several of the Continental peoples, notably Sweden and Germany. The greatest advocate of physical culture was Plato, who insisted that the "guardians" who were to be the rulers of his ideal State should be as thoroughly trained in "gymnastic" as in "music." In body as well as in mind, Lord Irwin put the same idea into different words when he said: "In teaching control of the body, physical training helps that the mind and balance of spirit which remain the crucial problem of the Irish people." It is so important in these days of

HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE

Carlyle And Cock-Crowing
Sir James Barrie, himself an Edinburgh graduate, has contributed to the current issue of the University of Edinburgh Journal some remarks on Thomas Carlyle and his destination of cock-crowing.

Carlyle, says Sir James, "seems always to have thought that the only way to peace was to kill the cock. Too late, an inventor appeared who said Not at all. Stop the crowing was his cure. It could be done easily. All you needed was 'a small lath suspended about eighteen inches above the perch.'"

"A cock cannot crow without stretching his neck, and when he stretches his neck his comb strikes sharply against the lath. Cocks cannot endure having their combs touched, and so this simple contrivance reduces them to silence."

How different, reflected Sir James, might Carlyle's life have been if this invention had been conceived in his lifetime! Sir James's sympathetic mood is easily understood; to him not only the cock's crow but its zest for publicity must be anathema.

Your Daily Smile

Q. AND A.
"Do you carry ferns?" asks a headline. No: I always make the fern things walk.

Too Much

A housewife was examining an applicant for the position of cook. "And why did you leave your last place?" she asked. "I couldn't stick it," the applicant replied with some warmth. "The master and the mistress were for ever quarrelling."

"But that surely had nothing to do with you," said the mistress of the house. "And, anyway," she added as an afterthought, "what were the rows about?"

"Oh, always about the way the meals were cooked," came the reply.

Soliloquy

Well, husbands have had enough to say about their wives wanting to wear trousers; now let's hear what they'll say when wives want a fur coat to wear.

JOKING APART

Most of Hollywood's divorced couples.

Full Up

"Shall we knock off for to-day, sir?" the head keeper asked his master.

Nurich, who had lately taken up the shooting, gave him a puzzled glare.

"Why, aren't there any more birds about?" he asked. "Plenty," said the unhappy head keeper: "but the cottage hospital has sent a message to say that they haven't any more beds for the shot-beaters."

Premature

Sweet Young Thing: "My boy friend has cold feet."

Fond Auntie: "Shame on you young lady. In my day we didn't find out those things until we were married."

Facts You Did Not Know.

A new tea kettle has a hollow chamber in the bottom with an outlet pipe so that the heat rises and is distributed to all sides of the water at once, speeding up its work.

An airplane propeller invented by an Italian consists of four rotating disks arranged at equal distance around a hub and set at a variable angle to its plane of rotation.

The steel armour covering a new automobile for carrying valuables is covered with an aluminum shell and a layer of insulating materials to catch bullets fired at the vehicle.

A new motion picture theatre in Zurich, Switzerland, has been equipped with a roof that can be opened automatically to ventilate the auditorium or left open on warm nights.

Idleness and nervous strain, crowded cities and insupportable noise. It is to be hoped that the new 'games masters' will not make their physical training too formal and too stiff.

CAN FRANCE PROTECT HER GOLD HOARD? PROBLEMS CREATED BY BIG BUDGET DEFICIT

(By Leonard J. Reid.)

London, November 3. What will be the effect on France of Mr. Roosevelt's gold-purchasing policy? How will the franc fare? I have just returned from France, where I have been seeking an answer to these questions, so important to France and to other countries as well. The answers are not yet forthcoming with any certainty.

M. Paul Reynaud, a former Finance Minister of France, scents a real currency war in the air. Official French opinion takes a calmer view. Time will show which view is right.

Meanwhile, what is possible is to take stock of the main features of the French situation upon which this new menace—if, indeed, it is a menace—is superimposed.

M. Sarraut is facing, with his new Cabinet, the same Chamber of Deputies and the same Budget problems which so recently destroyed M. Daladier's Ministry.

Few people in Paris believe that M. Sarraut will succeed in grappling with the vital Budget problem. If he does not, his Ministry must give way to another.

Economics Essential
There may, perhaps, be several Governments before the people of France and their representatives in Parliament are sufficiently impressed with the gravity of the financial situation to accept the large economies that are called for and considerable fresh taxation necessary to restore Budget equilibrium.

Officially, the deficit facing the French Budget is estimated at six milliards of francs. Independent estimates put it as high as eight milliards. Doubts are openly expressed whether the Budget proposals of the last Government, which the Chamber rejected, were anything like drastic enough.

Critical observers are convinced that even more is necessary than cutting down the remuneration of officials, which the Chamber has rejected, or the present taxation proposals, which are very unpopular. They believe that wider economies, heavier taxation, and a severe tightening-up of tax-collecting methods are essential. Such a view has been expressed, for instance, by M. Flandin, who has been Finance Minister, and probably will be again.

Three Nations
There is agreement also that such measures could not be put into force by any but a Natural Government, brought into being through national recognition of the existence of a real emergency. The big problem in France is how quickly circumstances will compel the country to recognise the emergency and to act accordingly.

Similarities exist between the present French position and that of Britain in 1931. France has a badly unbalanced Budget, as we had then, and an increasingly unfavourable balance of international payments. But there is this vital difference. France possesses vast gold stocks. We did not.

A French banker summarised the problem to me the other day in the following terms: "Two things are necessary if a country is to maintain the Gold Standard. First, a willingness to do so; secondly, the resources to enable it to do so."

"In 1931, England had the willingness, but not the gold resources." "In 1933 America had the gold resources, but not the willingness." "To-day France has both."

It is also an undoubted fact that the French nation as a whole keenly remembers the loss of savings occasioned by the currency depreciation of 1926, and is so determined that it shall not occur again that the word "inflation" remains a national booby of major proportions.

Foreign Capital
Yet, apart from any special influence caused by Mr. Roosevelt's new gold-purchasing policy, the withdrawal of gold from France is threatened in two ways. The country's balance of payments with the outside world is increasingly unfavourable. And, with the high value of the franc in relation to

other currencies continuing, French exports can hardly do otherwise than dwindle progressively. It is, therefore, logical to suppose that gold must go out automatically to settle the balance.

Secondly, a large amount of frightened foreign capital has been transferred to Paris by Americans and others who were nervous of the future of their own currency.

"Should the franc be subjected to distrust from a growing recognition of Budget difficulties and probable gold losses, these nervous short-term funds might tend quickly to leave Paris for London. The Bank of France has abundant gold stocks to meet all such demands, and is perfectly prepared to use its resources to the utmost."

The only question which arises is whether public opinion in France would permit heavy losses of gold to continue, or at what point a demand would come from the Chamber of Deputies to place an embargo upon gold export.

Another way of regarding the problem is this. There are three influences threatening the stability of the franc.

Costs And Exports
The first is the influence of economic sufferings due to high costs and reduced exports. Since unemployment in France is still at a very low level, this influence will operate only slowly.

The second influence is the effect of probable gold withdrawals. Such a movement would probably have to persist for some considerable time before it produced political effects.

The third influence, and the one which is capable of acting far more quickly, and effectively, is the actual position of the Treasury.

At the present time the French Treasury's borrowing needs are very formidable. It has to borrow, and not merely to cover a serious revenue deficit. It has to borrow also to finance costly sanctioned projects of public works. And it has to renew constantly the vast volume of floating debt.

Herein lies the crux of the problem. If successive Governments fail to balance the Budget, as seems probable, and if, as seems certain, gold will leave the Bank of France, how long will it remain possible for the Treasury to borrow at tolerable rates the money which it requires? Take one instance of a difficulty that may arise. If foreign opinion is disturbed by such movement, even though French opinion remains complacent, foreign banks would probably cease to subscribe to French Treasury bills, for the reason that if speculators are favourable the pound rather than the franc, they would be unable to cover their risk by forward exchange operations.

The date when a crisis comes to be recognised by the French people may be determined by the arrival of a position in which regular

RECKLESS DRIVING.

Bus, Lorry And Car Drivers Fined.

At the Traffic Court this morning before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Lau Kat, driver of bus No. 195, was fined \$15 for dangerous driving at 30 m.p.h. between Aberdeen and the Dairy Farm.

Mak Kwok-wah, driver of private car 451, was fined \$20 for dangerous driving in Lockhart Road.

For driving along Hennessy Road at 27 miles per hour, Tam Chi, lorry driver, was fined \$15.

UNLICENSED DRIVER OF PRIVATE CAR.

European Owner Fined And Warned.

Mr. H. Guard, of 2 Garden Road, was summoned at the Central Police Court this morning for allowing an unlicensed driver to drive his car, No. 2929, at Aberdeen on November 19.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton imposed a fine of \$10.

BRITAIN AND NANKING INCREASES FUKIEN

WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGNERS NOT ADVISED

SITUATION CLOSELY WATCHED.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT WARNED

London, To-day.

In the House of Commons yesterday, the Conservative member for Whitehaven, Cumberland, Mr. W. Nunn, asked what steps were being taken for the safe removal of British residents from the disturbed areas in Fukien in view of the Chinese Government's recommendation for the withdrawal of all the foreigners in those areas.

The Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, replied that he was unaware that the Chinese Government had recommended the withdrawal of foreigners. No such recommendations had been received by the British Government.

The Chinese Government had been warned of the British Government's apprehension that the lives and property of British subjects in Fukien might be endangered.

Satisfactory assurances had been received regarding the position and H.M.S. "Verity" had proceeded to Foochow for the purpose of affording the necessary protection for British interests, while other naval units would be available for dispatch if necessary.

The British authorities were closely watching the situation, Sir Simon concluded.—Reuter.

B.W.S. VERSION OF STATEMENT.

London, To-day.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons yesterday, on the situation in Fukien, Sir John Simon, the Foreign Secretary, said that the Chinese Government had been warned of the British Government's apprehensions lest British lives and property should be endangered in the event of an armed conflict developing, and satisfactory assurances had been received.

The British warship H.M.S. "Verity" is at present at Foochow to afford all necessary protection to British interests, while other units of the China Squadron will be available for dispatch to Amoy should conditions there show signs of deterioration.

The British Consular Officers at both ports are closely following the situation.—British Wireless Service.

Foreign Warships At Foochow.

JAPANESE CRUISER DEPARTS.

The Japanese Cruiser Kuma left Pagoda Anchorage, Foochow, on Sunday for Formosa, while the U.S. Gunboat Ashville left the anchorage yesterday for Shanghai.

The latter vessel was relieved by the U.S. Gunboat Fulton from Manila.

U.S. MINISTER SEES WANG CHING-WEI.

Protecting American Interests in Fukien.

Nanking, To-day.

Mr. Nelson Johnson, American Minister to China, called on Mr. Wang Ching-wei at the latter's official residence yesterday afternoon.

His visit is reported to have connection with the problem of securing protection of American lives and interests in Fukien.—Central News Agency.

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MONTH EXPECTED

Shanghai, To-day.

It is disclosed that as a result of discussions held here on Sunday between Mr. Wang Ching-wei, President of the Executive Yuan, and Dr. H. H. Kung Finance Minister, definite measures have been worked out for the opening up of new sources of revenue to meet the current deficits of the Central Government finances.

While a decision has been taken on a slight increase in the consolidated taxes on cement, watches and rolled tobacco, the customs rates on certain imported articles will be increased in addition to the institution of a special tax on foreign rice and wheat.

It is estimated that by these new sources of national revenue, the Central Government coffers will be benefited by an additional income of something over \$1,000,000 a month.

What kinds of foreign articles will be affected by the increased customs rates has not been disclosed by the authorities.—Central News Agency.

NANKING PEACE DELEGATION.

Canton Delegates Come To Hong Kong.

DISCUSSIONS TO-DAY.

Canton, To-day.

With the arrival of the Nanking delegation in Hong Kong, important discussions on the political situation in China are in progress there.

The Canton delegation who proceeded to Hong Kong yesterday in time to meet the Nanking delegation are strengthened by the addition of Mr. Liu Chi-wei, Mayor of Canton and Mr. Lin Yeh-chung, Commissioner of the Civil Department of the Kwangtung Provincial Government. They left Canton for Hong Kong last night.—Central News Agency.

KING AND QUEEN OF DENMARK.

Lunch At Buckingham Palace.

London, To-day.

Their Majesties the King and Queen entertained to luncheon at Buckingham Palace, yesterday, Their Majesties the King and Queen of Denmark, who are paying a short unofficial visit to England.

Their Majesties afterwards attended the Command performance of the Green Room plays given at Drury Lane Theatre on behalf of King George's Pension Fund for Actors and Actresses.—British Wireless Service.

The wedding took place yesterday afternoon, before the Registrar of the Supreme Court, of Moritz Charles Dearmer Cunha, Engineer, of the Peninsula Hotel, to Eileen Lysaught, formerly of 15, Somerset Road, Kowloon.

ABDUCTION OF A MINOR

Dentist's Daughter Taken To Shanghai.

PROMINENT CHINESE NOW
INVOLVED IN CHARGE

Mr. Ho Kwong, of 7, Macdonnell Road, and his son Ernest Ho, appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Police Court this morning on summonses charging them with being concerned with Thomas Lee of 6, Fung Fai Terrace, Happy Valley, in the abduction of Alma To, a girl under the age of 21.

Mr. R. A. Wadson prosecuted and Mr. W. C. Hung was counsel for the first defendant while Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the other two defendants.

Mr. Lo said that he would like to clear up a point in the proceedings. The local Ordinance was said to be declaratory of common law, but it was the possible idea of the prosecution to charge his clients with aiding and abetting.

In a charge of that form the acts of aiding and abetting were the principal offences and he would like to be clear on the point, as it would enable him to take instructions for his defence. He also asked for particulars of the acts which constituted aiding and abetting. He did not like facing a charge he did not know, he added.

Mr. Lo said that his clients could not be charged with actual taking and it seemed that the present charge was a round-about way of getting at his clients by alleging aiding and abetting. He would like to know if they were charged with the essence of the aiding and abetting or with the principal offence of taking the girl out of the possession of her father.

Mr. Wadson said that it was alleged that they conspired and all took part in the actual taking of the girl.

Mr. Lo said that he gathered that he was not only called upon to defend the essence of aiding and abetting but to defend all three charged jointly with taking.

Mr. Wadson said that it made no difference.

Mr. Hamilton said that it was perfectly obvious that Mr. Lo was entitled to particulars. Mr. Wadson replied that he had no objection to giving them.

The hearing was then adjourned until next Monday, December 18, at 2.30 p.m.

It was intimated that Mr. Hung would instruct counsel to take the case of the first defendant.

FAILURE OF ROOSEVELT GOLD PLAN

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ROOSEVELT WANTS FARMERS TO CO-OPERATE.

Chicago, To-day.

States farmers must co-operate to the fullest for the agricultural programme to succeed, stated President Roosevelt in a message to the Annual Convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation, yesterday. The maladjustment between supply and demand, which had been years in the making could not be cured overnight.

"The money is getting into the hands of those needing it, but we are not yet out of the wood," he said.—Reuter.

To-day's Short Story.

THE DIPTYCH

By A. J.
Alan.

I WAS once invited to be the guest of a literary society at their annual dinner. You can laugh if you like, but it's perfectly true. I wrote back to the secretary and complained. I said, "What do you mean by asking me to this dinner? How dare you," and all that, and he said he was very sorry, but they always did have a guest each year, and it was my turn — so there was no way out of it, and I went.

What's more — which is more, I made a speech. At least, when I say I made a speech — I told three stories which my grandfather told me, and they passed as new; so it was all very satisfactory and cheerful, and it went on, I suppose, to about half-past ten.

As I came out of the room where we'd dined into the corridor a man came up to me and said, "It is Mr. Alan, isn't it?" and I said it was. Then he said: "I'm afraid you don't remember me. My name's Bacci. We once met at the B.B.C."

I didn't remember him, as a matter of fact. But really one meets such a lot of people at the B.B.C. in one way and another that there was nothing in that. Not that I forget people as a rule.

Anyway, I said, "Of course, yes" — as one does — and then he insisted on standing me a drink. I didn't want it in the least, but it would have looked a little unfriendly to refuse, on the top of having clean forgotten him.

So we went down to a little lounge there is on the ground floor and had the drink.

This man Bacci was an Italian, of course. He'd travelled a good deal, and was quite interesting to listen to, but I wanted to get home. I suggested the other half of the whisky and soda, but he wouldn't.

REPRIEVE FOR MRS. HADLEY

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course of a quarrel when both had been drinking heavily.

Her appeal being dismissed, a petition for reprieve, largely signed by residents of Shanghai, was presented on Saturday to Sir Miles Lampson, the retiring British Minister to China, as the last hope of saving her life.

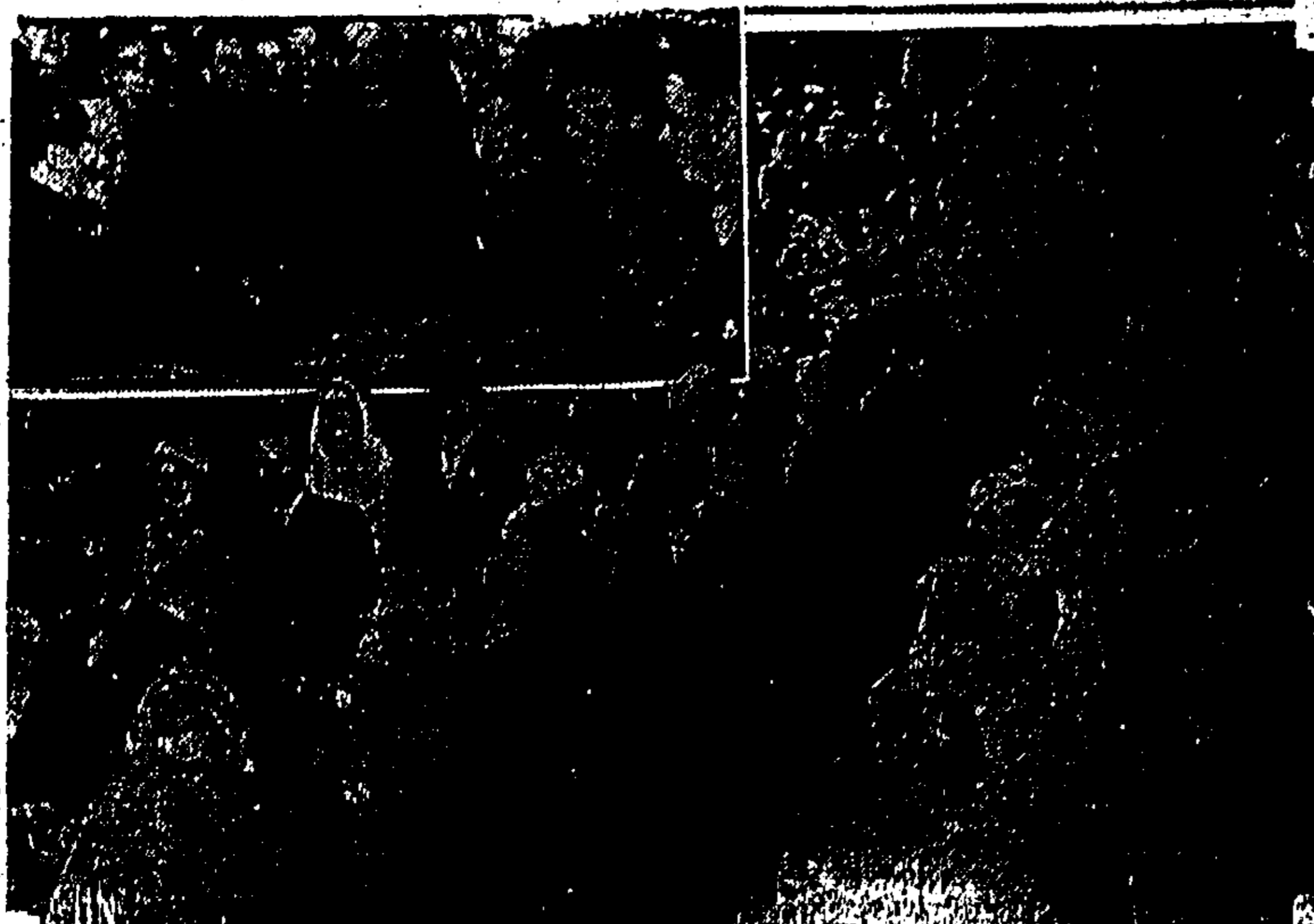
Hon. Mr. J. R. Wood Returning.

The Acting Chief Justice, the Hon. Mr. J. R. Wood, and Mrs. Wood are due back in the Colony from Shanghai by the P. and O. s.s. Rancho, on Friday morning. Mr. Justice Wood sat on the Court of Appeal which dismissed the appeal of Mrs. Hadley, who was sentenced to death for the murder of Captain Young.

CONTE ROSSO DELAYED FOR MARCONIS

To enable the Marchese and the Marchesa Marconi to attend a luncheon given by the Italian community in Shanghai, the sailing of the liner, s.s. Conte Rosso, for Hong Kong, was delayed until 3 p.m. to-day.

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A scene in the Church of St. Mary of the Angels, Rome, as 700 bridal couples, dressed in white, waited in the church for the wedding ceremony. The mass ceremony was in response to the appeal of Premier Benito Mussolini for more fraternal unions. Similar mass weddings, involving 2,000 couples, were held throughout Italy. (Associated Press.)

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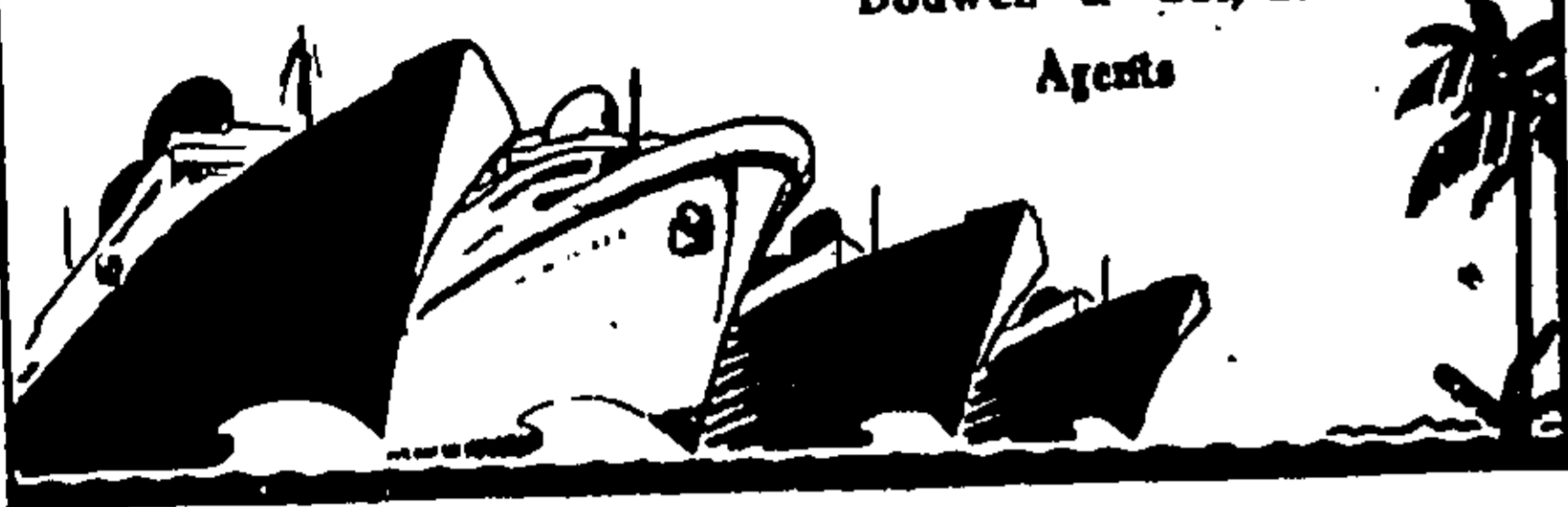
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The Diptych

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It so happened that we both arrived on the doorstep at the same instant, and the parlour-maid gave us an apologetic message to the effect that Mr. and Mrs. Bacci had only just come in and weren't down yet, and would we excuse dinner being a few minutes late? We said we would, and she showed us up to the drawing-room. There were cocktails and things about.

While we were waiting we had a look at the snuff-box. Izzy didn't think an awful lot of it. He said it was quite good of its kind, but it was only Napoleon and not worth more than fifty or sixty pounds, and we put it back in its place.

Just as we were carefully shutting down the lid of the glass table Izzy started to say something and then stopped in the middle. I looked up to see what was the matter and found him staring at a pair of pictures hanging on the wall straight in front of us. He didn't make any remark, but merely wandered off round the room.

The pictures certainly were ram looking—quite enough to make anyone stare. They were about eight inches square and apparently painted on wood. The left-hand one was so dark and worm-eaten that I couldn't make it out at all, but the right-hand one wasn't so bad.

It was evidently meant to portray the incident of Jacob's Dream. There was Jacob, in the foreground, fast asleep, and further back there was a ladder leaning up against a cloud with lots of angels going up and down it.

The angels weren't like any I've ever seen and neither was the Jacob's ladder. I was just going to ask Izzy about it, but the Baccis came in. They were frightfully sorry to be late, but they'd somehow made a mistake in the time.

I don't think anything of interest happened during dinner, except that Izzy went out of his way to be particularly civil.

Afterwards the snuff-box was trotted out again, and Izzy told Bacci exactly what he'd told me, namely, that it wasn't worth more than sixty pounds at the outside.

Then they both happened to look at the two dirty old pictures, and Bacci said what a pity it was they weren't genuine. He told us how he'd picked them up in an old shop in Milan for a hundred lire. A hundred lire is roughly twenty-two bob. I wouldn't have given tuppence for them, but Izzy seemed to think they were rather quaint.

Then we started talking about something else—theatres, I think—yes, it was theatres. Izzy said his father had the stage box for "Going Up" for the next evening but one—that is, Wednesday. Would we all like to dine with them somewhere and go? The others were all for it, but I rather hung back. You know how sometimes people have to ask you because you are there and they can't leave you out. Anyway, I gave him the chance, but he went on being pressing, so I said I would.

Mind you, I shouldn't have gone even then, only I was beginning to get curious. I mean, it was all so utterly unlike Izzy. It even crossed my mind that he might have conceived a sudden passion for Madame—not to say Signora—Bacci, but I looked at her again and decided "No," he must have just turned generous.

He was being princely, and no mistake. He wouldn't hear of us meeting at the restaurant. Rather not. I was to be at the Baccis' at seven-fifteen and he and his father, whose names was Ikey, would call for us in their car—and that was how it was fixed up.

Very well, then. On the Wednesday evening I again scaled the heights of Campden Hill and presented myself at the proper time—in other words, a quarter past seven. There was a car about as big as a charabanc outside, blocking up the road, so Ikey and Izzy had already arrived.

I rang the bell and the parlour-maid took me upstairs, and on the way she again apologised for the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Bacci would be a few minutes late. Then she opened the drawing-room door and I went in.

Izzy and his "pa" were standing over by the snuff-box table, but when they saw me they sort of edged away. They needn't have done—the lid was shut—but it drew my attention to them, and I noticed that Izzy was just finishing a cigarette.

Now it isn't usual to walk into other people's houses smoking, so I looked as though they'd been there some little time, and I said: "I hope I'm not late, but Ikey said didn't want that at all—at least, he Oh, no, it was his fault—he'd

Litvinoff And Hull Confer.



M. Maxim Litvinoff, the Soviet Commissar of Foreign Affairs (left) photographed in the State Department with Mr. William Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State, during the recent negotiations which led to President Roosevelt granting American recognition to the Soviet.

thought Izzy had said seven instead of a quarter past, so they'd been looking at all the pretty things."

We waited a few minutes more, and then the Baccis blew in. They thought the time had been fixed for half-past seven instead of a quarter past. I remember thinking: "This is a funny house. No one ever turns up at the proper time except me."

Anyway, we finally did get off, and we spent a very pleasant and costly evening.

After the theatre the Baccis suggested our going back to their place for a few minutes, which we did—and when drinks had been handed round the subject of Wall Street somehow managed to crop up. The slump was at its very worst by this time, and Bacci said it was affecting him pretty badly. He talked quite freely about his affairs.

He told us that for a year or two they'd been spending part of their time in Italy and part in England. They'd originally taken this house furnished, with the idea of replacing the furniture by degrees with really good things. They hadn't hurried, and this room was the only one they'd actually—well, which had nothing but their own stuff in it. But affairs had got so perfectly—er—foul owing to this Wall Street business that they'd decided to sell the room as it stood—as it were—and go back to Italy. Did Ikey know anyone who'd like to buy it?

Well, Ikey looked at Izzy, and Izzy looked at Ikey, and they thought they might perhaps be able to find a purchaser, provided the price was moderate. What sort of a figure did Mr. Bacci put on it? And what do you think he said? Six thousand pounds!

I naturally thought he was joking. If he'd said six hundred I should have thought it a bit stiff, but six thousand was too utterly wild for anything.

I expected howls of derision from the art dealers, but there weren't any. They just sat perfectly still like a couple of overfed gargoyle, and finally Ikey murmured something about two thousand pounds being rather nearer the value.

Well, that settled it. Either they were all mad or else there was something wrong with the whisky, although it tasted all right.

Before you could say "knife" they'd started a proper haggling match, and it went on and on. For all it meant to me, it might have been a piano concerto by Bartok. No, it wasn't as bad as that, but it wasn't comfortable. I simply hate having my chair sold from under me, and that's what is amounted to.

The only thing that was quite clear was that Ikey and Izzy wanted this precious furniture for themselves. You'd have thought they'd have wiped the floor with Bacci when it came to bargaining, and so they would if he'd pretended to know anything about antiques. But he didn't. He merely kept on saying how much he'd paid for everything, and he wouldn't come down anything to speak of.

However, at the end of half an hour he suddenly gave way. He said:

"Look here, gentlemen, what about splitting the difference? For an immediate cash sale I will take four thousand pounds."

Ikey said: "Right, you can have a cheque to-morrow if you like." But Bacci didn't want that at all—at least, he didn't want a cheque. "It wasn't

that he didn't trust them, but there was some slight trouble with his bank. He was a bit chary of paying anything in, in case he couldn't get it out again. Also he was leaving for Italy fairly soon. Would they mind letting him have the money in cash?

Well, I'm not more suspicious than most people, but you must admit that this made things look somewhat fishy. One would have thought that a couple of art dealers would have taken fright at once. But they didn't in the least. They agreed to hand over this four thousand pounds at their office the next day but one—in other words, Friday.

The only glimmering of caution they showed was to ask if one of their clerks could come along next day and make a list of the stuff. Bacci said: "Certainly," and that was that. The party broke up, and I was left wondering precisely what form the swindle was going to take. It was my turn to do some entertaining, so I asked them all to lunch at my club after the deal was through, and they said they would. But it was all most disappointing. The paying-over ceremony passed off without a hitch. No one was fetched out to the telephone and the notes didn't vanish, except into Bacci's pocket.

Lunch was quite jolly. It was also rather embarrassing, because Bacci would thank me for my share in the business—introducing him to Izzy and so on, and then he suggested my having some little thing as a souvenir. Did Ikey mind my choosing one of the snuff-boxes? I said I didn't take snuff, but they all seemed to wish it, so I could only accept gracefully and thank them very much.

Now let's see—what happened next? Oh, yes. After lunch the Baccis said they were going to a matinee, so they rather hurried off. And when they'd gone Izzy said he and Pa were thinking of running up to Campden Hill. What about me coming too, and choosing my snuff-box? So we all went.

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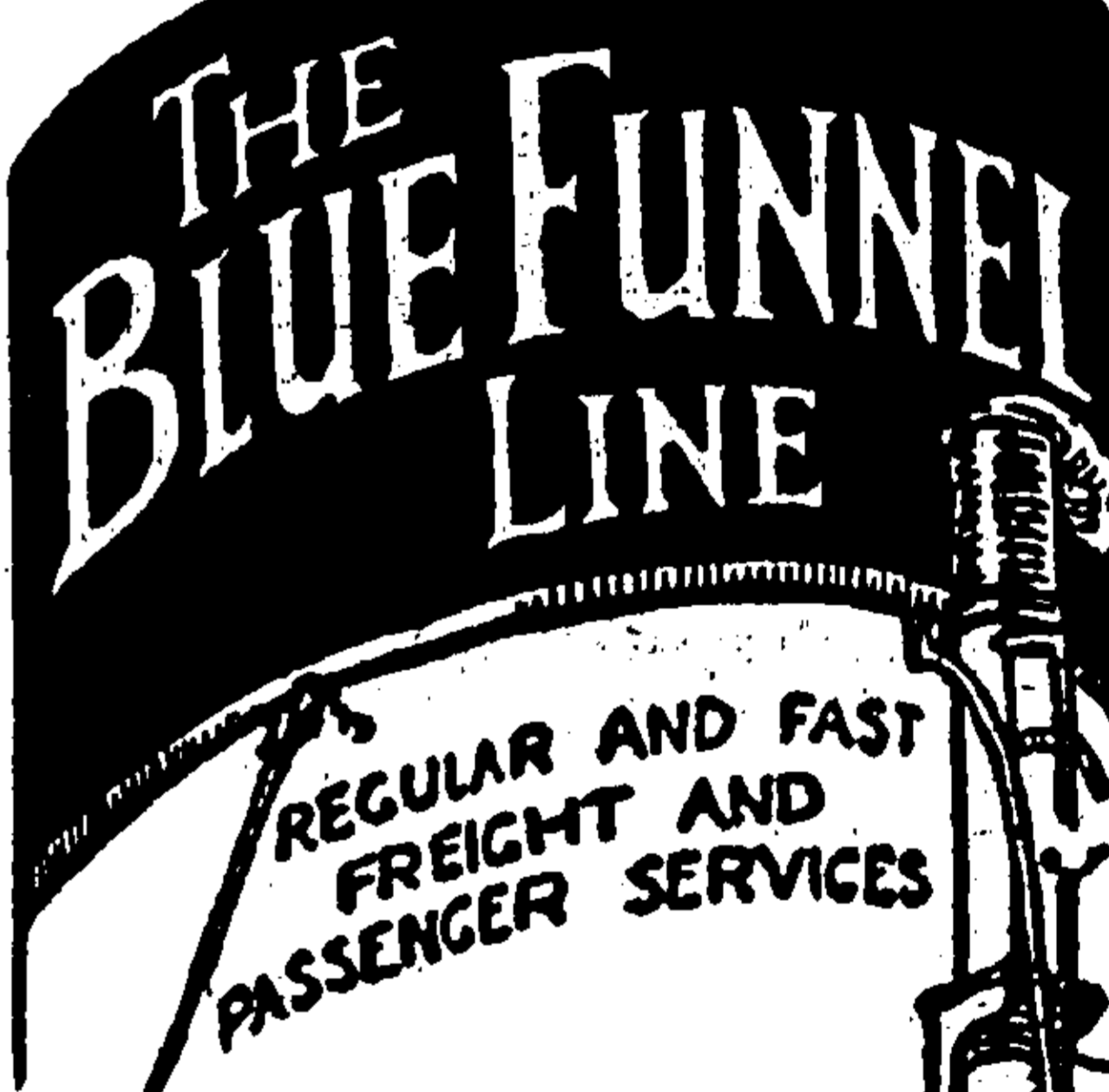
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The Diptych

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Ikey said:
"Cleared out? Nonsense, we've only just had lunch with them." So the man said:

"Well, they have gone, and taken all their luggage. The servants have gone, too."

This rather shook Messrs. Ikey and Company. They both asked:

"Is the stuff all right?" But apparently it was. The man had just checked it over with his list.

All the same, they charged upstairs into the drawing-room as fast as they could. So did I. They never even looked at the furniture. They simply tore across the room to those mouldy old pictures. You know, Jacob's Ladder and the other one. They yanked 'em off the wall and took 'em to the light—and then the balloon went up! There was a yell. "These are copies!"

I said: "Of course they are copies. I heard Bacci say so." Then Ikey literally shouted: "But they weren't copies, I tell you. They were genuine. A real genuine diptych." I said: "Oh, and what's a diptych, anyway?" Then they both explained together.

Not very easy to understand, because they were fairly spluttering with rage, but I gathered that a diptych consists of two wooden panels hinged together with paintings on them. The subjects are nearly always Biblical. The panels are often taken apart and framed separately, as these were. Another point, not without interest, is that a genuine diptych by a good fourteenth-century artist is worth anything up to five thousand pounds. However, that's rather by the way. I was still not quite clear what had happened. So I asked them:

I said: "Are you absolutely certain that they aren't the same ones you saw the other night?" They said: "Of course we are certain. Do you think we are such something, something fools as to give four thousand pounds for a whole lot of imitation Empire junk in order to get hold of a forged diptych?" I told 'em I shouldn't have thought it unless I'd actually seen 'em do it.

That didn't help matters at all. They stamped up and down the room fuming, and I got quite worried about the old man. He'd one of those short, thick necks, and he went rather a funny colour, but he cooled down after a bit, and then Izzy remarked, in a thoughtful kind of way: "All the same, I think these ought to be good enough for Milligan. Especially if we show him the analyst's report."

Oh, yes, I ought to tell you. The evening they'd turned up early to get a private view of the pictures they'd evidently gone and scraped off a bit of paint. They'd had this chemically examined to make quite sure. Personally, I thought that real experts scorned such artificial aids, but perhaps it's different when they are buying on their own account.

I asked who this man Milligan was, and they told me he was an American collector who went in solely for fourteenth-century Italian work. He was over in England for a holiday, and he'd called at their place a week or so before. Among other things, he'd said that he was ready to buy any genuine diptych they might know of, provided it had a decent pedigree, but he preferred one which hadn't been hawked about a lot. He was prepared to pay, and this was rather important, twenty thousand pounds—I will repeat that—twenty thousand pounds, if he came across what he wanted.

Mind you, it seems almost incredibly vulgar that anyone should offer a fancy price like that, but it quite often happens. Why, I, even I, was once offered ten thousand dollars (however much that may be) merely to go over to New York and deliver two lectures. I didn't go, but it does show the sort of thing they'll do, and I'm not an oil painting.

At any rate, as you can quite see, this entirely genuine diptych of Bacci's completely filled the bill, and they'd gone all out to get it, and now that they'd been tricked into buying an excellent but quite worthless copy of it, they were calmly proposing to pass it on to the wretched Milligan as genuine.

I said to Ikey: "You can't do that. It wouldn't be honest," and he said: "Vot you mean—'honest'—and ain't it just vot he asked us to do?"

Then I saw daylight. I said: "Where's Milligan staying?" and they told me, some hotel. So I said: "You just ring up and see if he's there."

And they did, but he wasn't. He'd gone abroad, presumably with leaves Vancouver (for Hong Kong via ports) on the 30th inst.

New U. S. Nazi Chief



George Schmitt, new organizer of the Stahlhelm (Steel Helmets, German ex-soldiers' organization) in the United States, pictured at his New York office soon after his arrival from Germany. He came with credentials from Nazi government to show his "Vollmacht," or plenary authority.

CAN FRANCE PROTECT HER GOLD HOARD?

(Continued from Page 8.)

Treasury borrowing threatens to become steadily dearer and more difficult. Such a situation might arise before very long.

Many patriotic French leaders would welcome it, for, in their view, it is better that the difficulties of the financial situation should be recognised early rather than late.

Danger To The Franc

This leads us to another crucial point in the French financial problem. The French Treasury is bearing a load in the shape of the service of the public debt, which cannot be borne indefinitely. Moreover, it has to provide next spring for the repayment of a large volume of National Defence Bonds.

In the view of French financiers, it is essential that French credit should be rehabilitated quickly. This is because it would enable the refinancing of these maturing bonds to be carried out at a low interest rate, and would ensure the conversion of other Government securities.

But such conversions and refinancing on an satisfactory basis will only be possible if the Budget problem is sternly and drastically tackled. That it will be tackled can hardly be doubted.

Once the French people become firmly convinced that the franc is in danger, they will submit to the necessary measures. France is still well supplied with untaxed resources. Throughout the whole economic life of France, except in Government services, salaries and wages have been readjusted to present necessities.

M. Daladier fell because he tried to extend the readjustment to Government employees. M. Sarraut may fall in a similar attempt—and even another Premier after him. Eventually a strong French Cabinet will enforce the programme.

Saving Off Inflation

No one can say whether or not the force of circumstances will compel France to take special measures to protect her gold stocks. Nor is it possible to prophesy what course events might follow should general reestablishment of international currencies be indefinitely delayed.

But one thing is certain, and that is that the French people, when convinced that an emergency exists, will fight almost unanimously to the last ditch to stave off inflation and to save the franc from substantial depreciation.

The essence of the problem of the franc is, therefore, political rather than financial. And for their political crisis the French people have the habit of finding an alternative hour solution.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The s.s. "Maranosa" leaving on the 8th instant with Mails, is due here on the 12th instant at about daybreak.

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The R.M.S. "Empress of Japan" leaves Vancouver (for Hong Kong via ports) on the 30th inst.

RUGBY

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Five other Old Blues are available—H. G. Owen-Smith (full-back), S. L. Wardle and H. D. B. Lorrain (three-quarters), and M. F. Peacock and E. S. Nicholson (forwards). There is, however, some doubt about Owen-Smith. In his absence the positions to be filled are full-back, two three-quarters, scrum-half, and five forwards. P. C. Minna, V. G. J. Jenkins and K. N. Lamport have gone down.

Both D. T. P. Lewis and J. D. Ronald are available for full-back. Lewis comes from Llandoverly, and for a time last season challenged Owen-Smith for the position. While neither as versatile nor as fast as the Blue, he is a sound player, who kicks well with both feet and tackles surely.

Ronald seemed to lose some of his form last season, but two years ago he won his Harlequin colours, and a return to that form would put him in the running. At three-quarter A. L. Warr, of Bromsgrove, should prove a worthy successor to P. C. Minna. He is a very determined runner.

Promising Centres
Centres who caught the eye last season were C. B. Dix (Wellington) and J. R. Park (Harrogate), while E. L. Phelps (Eltham) and T. S. Roberts (Cardiff) might also be in the running. Dix reminds one very much of T. M. Hart, and with his straight running he might make Lorrain an ideal partner.

For Lamport's position at scrum-half there are two candidates in L. B. Bok (Cape Town University) and D. C. King (Ippingtonham). Bok has played in the fifteen, and King has had considerable experience with Richmond.

It may be thought advisable to move Jackson to the three-quarter line, in which case there are three players with claims for his place—T. M. Watson (Monkton Combe), A. Bush (Haverham), and K. J. Velch (St. Edwards School, Oxford). It is thus possible to duplicate all the back positions, and so the potential strength of Oxford's attack is considerable.

Of the three Old Blue forwards, Nicholson is the hooker, Peacock is also in the front row, and the captain is in the middle of the back row. Two heavy-weight for the second row will be required. Here, again, Bowers should have little difficulty.

New Forwards Available

For the back row both R. C. S. Low and R. J. Northcote-Green should make ideal wingers, particularly if the last-named has filled out a bit. For the second row there are P. Gammon, J. M. C. Almond, J. S. Owen, A. H. Mahler, and J. H. Pinner; and for the front row J. B. Knaggs, K. C. Burrow, P. R. Heath, a very useful "hooker," and P. J. Morice.

On the whole it may be anticipated that Oxford Rugby this season will maintain that cycle of Twickenham wins which William Roberts prophesied two seasons ago.

Wooler A Certainty

The number of promising Welshmen in at Cambridge are probably less than at Oxford, but the players themselves, if anything, have their reputations more strongly established. J. E. Bowcott, after three years of patient understudy, appears at last to have a clear stage for himself. A strong element of intelligent University opinion has been in his favour, even for the last three crowded years; but with Pope and Simpson both out of the lists I can see no possible danger of the Cardiff man being challenged.

Among the Freshmen there are two particularly able players. W. Wooler, of course, was the sensation of last year's international tournament, and it is fairly safe to predict that he will find his way to Twickenham for today's game. In addition, the experience he has gained at Cambridge, where he has been permitted to play in his rightful position of centre, has proved invaluable to him.

There have been cases—an astonishing number in recent years—of international failures to obtain Blues; but (Continued at foot of next column.)

Rugby Jottings.

DEVONPORT SERVICES have lost a valuable player. In E. R. A. Hammett, who has left for a grand tour in the East. A grand forward, he looked a certainty for his Navy cap this year.

With the passing of G. P. S. Macpherson there are now but two backs, in H. R. Torrance and B. R. Tod, in the Edinburgh Academical team who played regularly in the championship side of 1929-1930.

I am not suggesting that wing forwards stoop to tactics for a deliberate obstruction of sticking or their legs to that opponents will trip over them. What I emphasise is that by quick breaking, wing forwards can, and do, legitimately impede and dissipate the attack of the opposing wing forwards for that fraction of a second, which may be to a scrum-half all the difference between a good and indifferent service.—Gregory Wheeler.

The Welsh Rugby Union has declined to sanction seven-a-side games, although the request came from scratch clubs. A petition is now being prepared for presentation to the union, pointing out that their attitude is adversely affecting hospitals.

James Thomas, the Llanelly forward, appears to be earmarked for a Welsh cap. He has been doing consistently well throughout the season.

R. G. Gibson, who visited the Colony with the Malaya Interport Cricket team in which he was the opening batsman, is a back row forward in the Penang Malaya Cup fifteen.

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Week's Home Rugby

The following are the leading Rugby Union games this week:

TO-DAY
Oxford v. Cambridge (At Twickenham).
TO-MORROW
Hampshire v. Surrey (At Southampton).
Sussex v. Kent (At Worthing).
THURSDAY
Newport v. Cambridge University.
SATURDAY
English Trial—Probables v. Possibles.

(At Falmouth).
Birkenhead Park v. Liverpool Blackheath v. Richmond
Devonport Services v. Bath Gloucester v. Cheltenham Harlequins v. Cardiff Leicester v. Bristol
Belfast v. Newcastle v. Bedford U.K. Park v. Old Merchant Taylors.

Springbok for Guy's

A most interesting newcomer to London club Rugby is announced this week. . . . Yan E. Styler, the South African, captain of the Eastern Province and a Springbok trial cap, is joining Guy's Hospital, and will turn out for them just as soon as he can get in a little practice.
Styler is really a centre three-quarter, but plays an excellent game at either stand-off or scrum-half. This means that the euphetes will have an exceptionally powerful back division for it will enable V. E. Glass to remain at stand-off half and move Wright to his proper position on the wings.



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Basle, To-day.

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The terrific burden of international debts, he said, threatened to destroy the world's economic system unless creditors and debtors joined hands and made a fresh start.—Reuter.

SOVIET INCREASES
WAGES.

Far East Workers
And Soldiers.

Moscow, To-day.

The 10 to 30 per cent. increase in wages decreed by the Soviet for workers and soldiers in Far Eastern regions is ascribed to the large influx of settlers.

Simultaneously farmers are exempted from the compulsory delivery of grain for periods of from five to ten years.—Reuter.

JACKIE BROWN BEATS FORAN

Points Decision At
Manchester.

—THREE TITLES INVOLVED?

London, To-day.

Jackie Brown, Manchester negro and world's flyweight boxing champion, outpointed Ginger Foran, the Liverpool fighter, over 15 rounds at Belle Vue, Manchester, last night.—Reuter.

Note by Ringalder.

Though Reuter do not state as much I believe Brown's three titles—World, European, and British—were at stake against the hard-hitting Foran. Articles were previously signed for a purse said to be worth £2,650.

Brown was outpointed by Midget Wolgast in a non-title fight at the Albert Hall less than a month ago and it is anticipated that the recognised American champion will be given an opportunity at the world title in the near future.

U.S. COTTON POOL FORMED

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MR. LANSBURY'S GOOD PROGRESS.

Labour Leader Sustains
Broken Thigh.

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in the House of Commons, yesterday afternoon, expressed regret at the absence of the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. George Lansbury, adding on behalf of the members generally, "We all hope that he will speedily be restored to health."

Mr. Lansbury, who is 74, fell down some steps on Saturday and broke his thigh. He is making satisfactory progress.—British Wireless Service.

MINISTER DISMISSED
AT NANKING.

Mr. Fu Ju-lin Succeeds
Mr. Lo Kung-hua.

Nanking, To-day.

The Executive Yuan, meeting this morning, dismissed Mr. Lo Kung-hua, administrative Vice-Minister of the Interior, and appointed Mr. Fu Ju-lin instead.

The change, which has been predicted here for some time, was due to Mr. Lo's alleged relations with Chen Ming-shu.—Reuter.

Before the Praise Judge, Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Supreme Court this morning, Maha Singh, plaintiff, claimed the sum of \$650 on two promissory notes made by Wali Mohammed, defendant.

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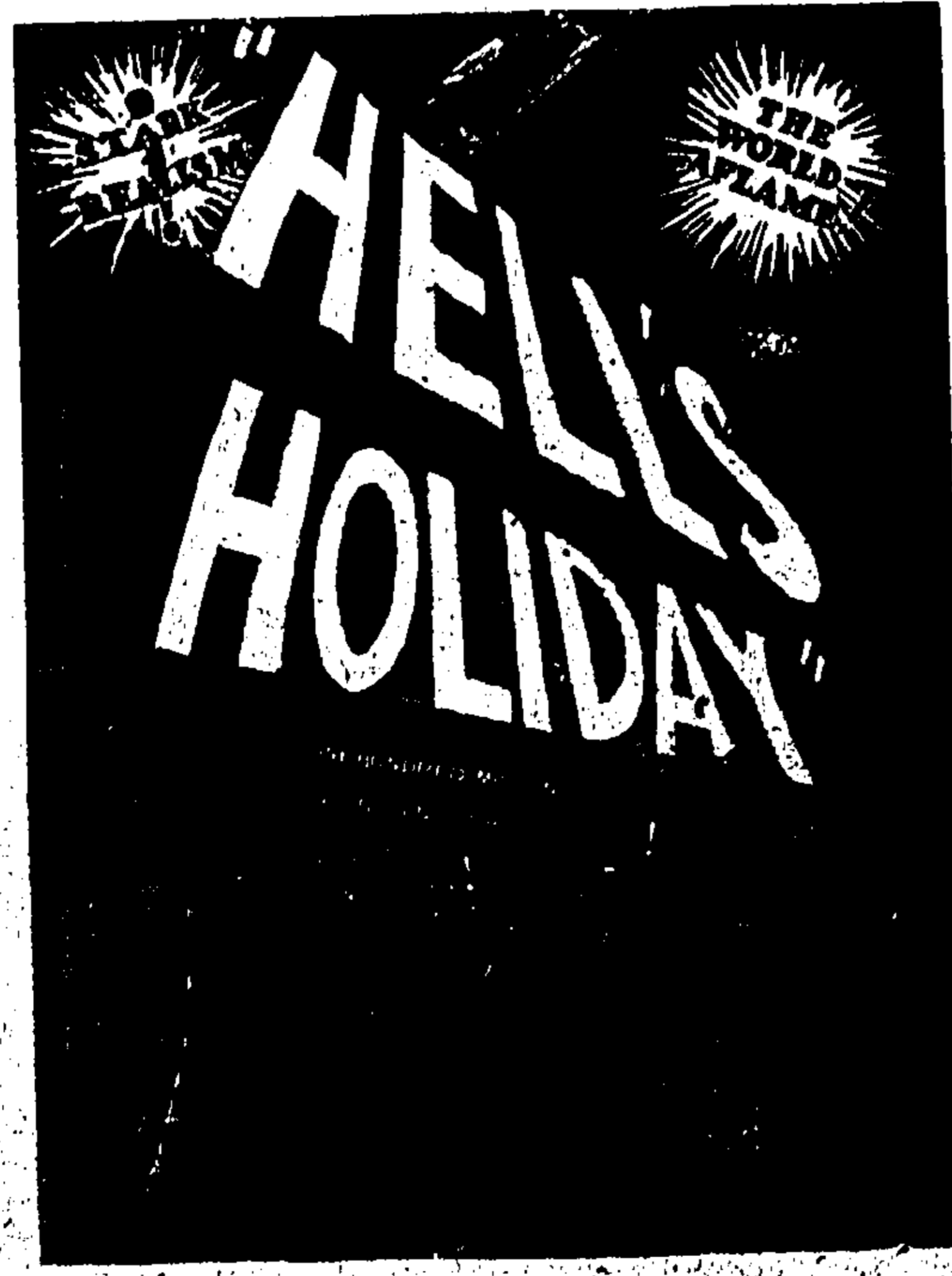
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